

## **Guide to Iowa Department for the Blind's Iowa Blind History Archive**

1915 – 2011 (bulk 1958 - 2000)



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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Repository:**

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**Creator:** Iowa Department for the Blind Staff

**Title:** Iowa Blind History Archive

**Inclusive Dates:** 1925 – 2011, undated

**Bulk Dates:** 1958 - 2000

**Quantity:** 11 boxes, 295 folders

**Language and Scripts:** Primarily in Print and English. Some materials are in Braille, which is indicated on the folder.

**Abstract:** Correspondence, manuscripts, publications, periodicals, teaching materials, research materials, memos, and photographs that pertain to the history of the Iowa Department for the Blind. Most materials are dated and identified, but a significant number (mostly photographs) remain either unidentified or undated. Subjects include but are not limited to: employment, advocacy, philosophy of blindness, technology, IDB staff and clients, and Iowa legislators.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Processing Information:**

The majority of information in this collection was organized and cataloged by Meredith Ferguson, August 2010 – May 2011. The Finding Aid was encoded by Meredith Ferguson, March 2011.

### **Acquisition Information:**

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Most copies of the agency's Annual Reports can be found in the Department's administrative office, located in Des Moines, IA. If you are unable to locate a report from a given year in this collection, inquire with the administrative office. Currently, copies from the following years are in this collection: 1926, 1929, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1950, 1954-56, 1959-1994, 1995 Fact Sheet, 1996, 1998-2000. A few Annual Reports in the administrative office have people's names identified in the pictures. Digital images of Annual Reports 1952, 1954, 1956, and 1960-1990 are available on the Department's network, in a folder labeled "Photo Archive/Historical Pictures".

### **Meeting and Iowa Commission for the Blind Board Minutes:**

These minutes are housed in the administrative office at the IDB building located in Des Moines, IA. They include copies of Commission/Department Board Meeting Minutes, along with periodicals, memos and letters, etc. related to the topics discussed in the meeting.

To access these materials, inquire with the administrative office. Minutes must be checked out, signed for, and returned in a timely manner. The original copies cannot leave the premises. With permission, the minutes may be photocopied and the copies are allowed to leave the premises. Minutes date from 1925 to the present. The beginning years of the Department are recorded in a little black book. After 1957, minutes are stored in binders. Audio recordings of Board minutes are also available for some years.

### **Oral Histories:**

Audio copies of the IDB collection of oral histories can be found under the Oral History folder, along with copies of the transcripts. Library for Blind and Physically Handicapped patrons may check out an oral history recording. The general public may access all oral history recordings and

transcripts from the History of Blindness in Iowa web site ([www.iowablindhistory.org](http://www.iowablindhistory.org)).

### **Notes on Other Digitized Resources:**

A small collection of digitized documents (papers, periodicals, memos, photos, audio recordings) are stored on the Department's internal network. Topics include but are not limited to: Volunteer Awards, Staff and Client photos, Camp Laurie, the history of blindness nationally and in Iowa, and conference brochures.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Special Note: The Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB) was originally named the Iowa Commission for the Blind, and achieved departmental status in 1988. Consequently, the name Iowa Commission for the Blind will be used when referring to documents prior to 1988 and the name Department for the Blind will be used when referring to agency materials dated after 1988. The three-member board that provides policy oversight retains the name Iowa Commission for the Blind.

The Iowa Department for the Blind's Iowa Blind History archive contains various materials dating from 1915 to the present (2011). The majority of the information, however, dates 1960s-1990s. These materials consist primarily of photographs, periodicals, publications containing blindness-related articles, office papers and personal correspondence. Many undated materials are found throughout.

The information included in the collection relates to the institutional history of the Iowa Department for the Blind. Materials also include, but not limited to, the history of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB); controversy surrounding Kenneth Jernigan, the NFB and IDB; and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.

The collection includes documents in American Braille and New York Point. These documents consist of poems, novels, and music.

The majority of the information contained within this collection is open to the general public upon request. Some documents, however, are confidential and are marked accordingly.

## **Biographical/Historical Sketch**

As this archive will explain, the philosophies and rehabilitation methods related to blindness have varied, in Iowa and the nation. The majority of the information found within this archive relates directly to the institutional history of the Iowa Department for the Blind. However, the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School will be mentioned briefly, as it has a significant role in the history of blindness in Iowa.

The Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School was founded as the Asylum for the Blind in 1852. The school is still in operation, to date, and is Iowa's second oldest educational institution. The school was established as a residential program, where blind students lived and attended academic classes. Students also learned potential vocational skills, including rug weaving chair caning, and beadwork. (In the latter half of the twentieth century, vocational training at the school was phased out.)

Between the years of 1959 and 1965, Kenneth Jernigan, the director of the Iowa Commission for the Blind, sought to move administrative control of the school from the State Board of Regents to the Commission. This attempt was met with resistance from several arenas. An important point of dispute centered on the different educational approaches of blind individuals espoused by the Commission and the School. Ultimately, the Board of Regents retained administrative oversight. Newspaper articles and other publications on this controversy are included in this collection.

Established in 1925 as the Iowa Commission for the Blind, the agency was originally housed in three rooms of the old Amos Hiatt Building at East 12<sup>th</sup> and Court. In its early years, the agency's small staff of less than 10 provided limited employment services. Its vocational approach for blind Iowans, as was the case throughout the nation, focused on trades training areas such as weaving, broom making, chair caning, needle work, and beadwork. As was its mandate, the Commission's primary activities between the years of 1925 to the late 1950s focused on training blind Iowans in the production a variety of handcraft items, the loaning and leasing of tools and equipment needed to produce the handcrafted items, and the marketing and selling of those items through its Home Industries program.

Those individuals who attempted to find employment in other areas received little support from the agency. In a limited capacity, the Commission supported those seeking employment outside of the traditional trades occupations by providing small loans to blind Iowans who were attending college. Because talking books and books in Braille were limited, the agency did not work to provide these materials to blind Iowans.

In 1957, only twelve blind Iowans were placed in employment. Most of these were in sub-standard employment and required additional support either from public funds or from families. According to the Commission's 1960 Annual Report, a survey conducted by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in 1957 indicated that there were over 800 blind people in Iowa who were capable of employment, but were doing nothing. Individuals participating in the blind vendors program were earning an average of \$105 a month. The agency had a list of 4,000 blind Iowans, many of whom were in need of services. A staff of five professionals and three clerical personnel and a limited budget were to meet these needs.

Starting in the 1950s, the Commission changed its focus from providing trades training and selling goods made by blind Iowans to assisting blind Iowans in finding competitive employment in a variety of jobs. This change came about because of new federal Vocational Rehabilitation laws and because of new agency leadership. Mrs. Ethel Holmes had been the director of the agency from its inception until her retirement in 1957. In 1958, Kenneth Jernigan was hired as its director. The program Jernigan created in Iowa was based upon a "positive" philosophy of blindness and came to serve as a model that changed rehabilitation programs and services for the blind across the nation and around the world.

Kenneth Jernigan was a member and leader in the National Federation of the Blind (NFB). He came to Iowa specifically to test whether the NFB's philosophical approach to training blind individuals was valid. The "Iowa Experiment" or "Iowa Model" was based on the belief that blindness is a simply characteristic and, if properly taught alternative techniques, the blind could do many of the same tasks as those with sight. This approach was "consumer based," one where the blind individual's choices and decisions were given priority. The model focused on teaching alternative skills (Braille, cane travel, etc.) in such a way that no vision was required, by using sleep shades. The programs were designed to push blind Iowans to question their assumptions about their own capabilities, confront society's



stereotypical attitude toward blindness, and encourage self confidence. This new philosophical approach would be implemented in classes taught to adults in the Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center, which officially opened in 1959 with three students and two teachers.

The Iowa Department for the Blind's six-story building was built in 1911-1912 as a YMCA, and it remained such until 1959. After much negotiation, the Commission occupied the YMCA building on February 1, 1960. Documents related to the negotiations and purchase of the building are included in this collection. Not long after, the Orientation Center was up and running, along with the newly established Iowa Library for the Blind. By 1966, the transformation that had taken place in Iowa was often referred to as a "miracle" and the Iowa program was recognized as being "one of the best, if not the finest, in the world" by Donald Overbeay, one of the nation's leading educators of the blind.<sup>1</sup>

Within less than a decade Jernigan was able to transform what was recognized as the worst rehabilitation program for the blind in the United States into what was widely hailed as the best and served as a model for other rehabilitation programs across the nation and around the world. It remains a prevailing model for rehabilitation programs for the blind in the United States with the Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped having the largest Braille collection in the nation, to date.

The Department's building has been listed on the National Register of Historic places for the revolutionary work Dr. Jernigan conducted while Director. More information about Dr. Jernigan in this regard can be found in the National Register of Historic Places nominating documents located at the Department.

### **Arrangement Statement**

The collection is currently housed at the Iowa Department for the Blind and arranged in 11 storage boxes. The intellectual arrangement is divided into 300+ folders/binders, which are located in their respective boxes. Most folders are organized according to a general subject, and year or decade. A number of miscellaneous folders are dispersed throughout the collection,

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<sup>1</sup> Des Moines Register. Iowa's Program for Blind Called One of World's Best. *Des Moines Sunday Register* April 17, 1966.

and are marked accordingly.

### **Archive Box 1:**

This box contains materials related to the Iowa Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center, Iowa Department for the Blind anniversaries and publicity, and National Federation of the Blind controversy and publicity. Dates include 1958 – 2009, and undated.

- Folder 1: Joseph Mossman – Volunteer Luncheon 1974
- Folder 2: Orientation & Adjustment Center – Historical Information
- Folder 3: Orientation Center & Commission 1972-1980
- Folder 4: Orientation Center & Commission 1981-1988
- Folder 5: Commission Placed Under Human Rights 1986-1988
- Folder 6: Senate File 3 – 1958-1964 (1)
- Folder 7: Senate File 3 – 1958-1964 (2)
- Folder 8: Braille Literacy Bill – Senate File 254, 1991-1996
- Folder 9: Brochures – Various Years & Topics
- Folder 10: Joanne Zeihan Wilson – ISU Alumni Achievement Award – 2001
- Folder 11: Cane Travel Articles – Jim Witte, 1997-1998
- Folder 12: NFB “Barricades” – 1987 Banquet Address (Fred Schroeder)
- Folder 13: R. Creig Slayton – Director
- Folder 14: Terry Pepper – Embezzlement, 1990s
- Folder 15: Information Packets – 1998
- Folder 16: Iowa Department for the Blind’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2009
- Folder 17: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Donation Letters, Checks & Thank-You

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- 1985
- Folder 18: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Invitations & Brochures - 1985
- Folder 19: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Event Planning (1) - 1985
- Folder 20: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Event Planning (2) - 1985
- Folder 21: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Publicity – Letters & Releases (1) - 1985
- Folder 22: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Publicity – Letters & Releases (2) - 1985
- Folder 23: Kenneth Jernigan – News Articles on his Resignation, 1978
- Folder 24: Guide Dog Publicity/Controversy
- Folder 25: Techniques for the Blind Student – Manuals
- Folder 26: Commission’s Student Manual – 1983
- Folder 27: NFB Hand-Outs at Commission’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Folder 28: NFB Iowa Chapter - Controversy

Folder 29: 1970 Annals of Iowa – “A New Day of Hope”

## **Archive Box 2:**

This box contains materials related to national blindness-related issues, education, legislative issues, blindness-related medical information, the Iowa Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center, and Iowa Department for the Blind publicity. A variety of documentation describes the programs/services provided by the Commission, and arguments for a separate Commission for the Blind. Materials of note are periodicals on Helen Keller’s visit to Des Moines, dated 1925, publicity on foreign visitors and foreign papers, and skeletal remains found during construction on the Commission. Dates include 1925 – 2007, and undated.

Folder 1: Awards

Folder 2: Awards/Commendations to Kenneth Jernigan

Folder 3: Staff Publicity

Folder 4: Helen Keller – Des Moines visit publicity *\*very fragile\**

Folder 5: Attitudes on Blindness – Misc. Articles

Folder 6: Teach-In Publicity

Folder 7: White Cane Law/Safety Day Publicity 1941-1985

Folder 8: Publicity on Various Fair booths at Various Fairs from Various Papers

Folder 9: Women’s Clubs Publicity 1963-1974

Folder 10: Speech Publicity to Various Clubs 1962-1970

Folder 11: Creig and JoAnn Slayton – Articles 1960s

Folder 12: Technology

Folder 13: Employment Opportunities & Highlight News-Stories

Folder 14: “Blind? Yes. Unemployed? No!”

Folder 15: Prisoners Help the Blind

Folder 16: Blind Teachers & Controversy

Folder 17: Legislative Contact 1961-1973

Folder 18: Gordon Gammack Columns Dealing with Various People from Various Papers

Folder 19: Foreign Visitors/Foreign Papers Discuss IA Commission

Folder 20: Mrs. Ethel Towne Holmes

Folder 21: Blind Pension

Folder 22: Medical Information - Correspondence, Miscellaneous

Folder 23: Medical Information – Correspondence, Miscellaneous (2)

Folder 24: DSMO Treatment for Retinitis Pigmentosa: Robert V. Hill, M.D. Longview, Washington

- Folder 25: Orientation Center Newsletters
- Folder 26: Orientation Center Philosophy & Publicity
- Folder 27: Orientation Center Philosophy & Publicity (2)
- Folder 28: Orientation Center Visits/Recreation
- Folder 29: Travel/Mobility Training/Publicity
- Folder 30: College Student Services & Publicity
- Folder 31: Educating Blind Children in Public Schools
- Folder 32: Learning about Blindness in Public School
- Folder 33: Cafeteria News and Publicity 1950-1975

### **Archive Box 3:**

This box mainly contains publicity related to the Iowa Department for the Blind and national blindness issues. Materials of note are miscellaneous historical photographs. Dates include 1950-1979, and undated.

- Folder 1: Publicity Miscellaneous – no sure dates
- Folder 2: Publicity 1950 - 1953
- Folder 3: Publicity 1958-1962
- Folder 4: Publicity 1963-1964
- Folder 5: Publicity 1965-1969
- Folder 6: Publicity 1970
- Folder 7: Publicity 1971
- Folder 8: Publicity 1972
- Folder 9: Publicity January-April 1973
- Folder 10: Publicity June-December 1973
- Folder 11: Publicity January-May 1974
- Folder 12: Publicity June-December 1974
- Folder 13: Publicity January-July 1975
- Folder 14: Publicity August-December 1975
- Folder 15: Publicity January-May 1976
- Folder 16: Publicity June-December 1976
- Folder 17: Publicity January-June 1977
- Folder 18: Publicity July-December + undated 1977
- Folder 19: Publicity & Misc. 1974-1978
- Folder 20: Publicity January-June 1978
- Folder 21: Publicity January-June 1978 (2)
- Folder 22: Publicity July-December 1978
- Folder 23: Publicity July-December 1979
- Folder 24: Publicity January-June 1979
- Folder 25: Historical Photographs - Miscellaneous
- Folder 26: History of Libraries for the Blind

- Folder 27: The Appetizer – Publicity Articles
- Folder 28: Iowa State Fair – Publicity and Individual Stories
- Folder 29: Vending Publicity and News 1936-1976
- Folder 30: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Publicity 1970
- Folder 31: “LSD Stories” – Dr. Norman Yoder, Publicity 1968

#### **Archive Box 4:**

This box contains materials related to the Iowa Department for the Blind's building history, services provided by IDB, various papers and speeches related to IDB and NFB, and controversy surrounding Kenneth Jernigan. Dates include 1950s-1990s, and undated.

- Folder 1: Designating Space for Commission (pre-YMCA)
- Folder 2: Obtaining/Purchasing Building for Commission \*Water Damage\*
- Folder 3: Obtaining/Purchasing Building for Commission (2) \*Water Damage\*
- Folder 4: Building History/ YMCA
- Folder 5: Historical Preservation
- Folder 6: Building Photographs
- Folder 7: Remodeling Information
- Folder 8: Building Information – Past and General
- Folder 9: Staff Apartments – Information & Controversy
- Folder 10: Home Industries and Teachers
- Folder 11: Staff Information:
- Folder 12: Legal Cases/Complaints against Commission/Department
- Folder 13: Papers & Speeches – various authors
- Folder 14: Papers & Speeches – various authors (2)
- Folder 15: Memorandums – various topics
- Folder 16: Commission Program Evaluations 1974-1980
- Folder 17: Kenneth Jernigan Controversy
- Folder 18: Dr. Jernigan's Resignation from Director IDB – correspondence
- Folder 19: NFB-Commission Involvement 1952-1978
- Folder 20: Commission Board
- Folder 21: Commission – Beginning/Formation and Publicity
- Folder 22: Budget Information/Criticism for Commission & State
- Folder 23: Department Services
- Folder 24: Transcribers
- Folder 25: Library Services: Letters and Publicity

**Archive Box 5:**

This box contains materials related to publicity for the Iowa Department for the Blind, articles on blindness-related issues, federal statistical information, and publications of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. Materials of note include a book on physical education for the blind, dated 1915 and in American Braille. Dates include 1915 – Present, and undated.

Folder 1: Business and Industry Magazine Articles Jan. & Feb. 1976

Folder 2: United Press International (UPI) October 1962

Folder 3: Publicity January-June 1980

Folder 4: Publicity July-December 1980

Folder 5: Publicity January-July 1981

Folder 6: Publicity July-December 1981

Folder 7: Publicity 1982

Folder 8: Publicity 1983-1984

Folder 9: Publicity 1985-1989

Folder 10: Publicity 1990s

Folder 11: Publicity 2000-Present

Folder 12: "The Sightless" – News Story (Davenport-Bettendorf Times-Democrat) 1972

Folder 13: Fire in Commission – Publicity 1960

Folder 14: Story of 4<sup>th</sup> and Keosauqua Way

Folder 15: Insurance (Mutual of Omaha)

Folder 16: "The Physical Education of the Blind", 1915 – Book in American Braille

Folder 17: Federal Statistical Information

Folder 18: Federal Statistical Information (2)

Folder 19: Federal Statistical Information (3)

Folder 20: Lion's Day 1988

Folder 21: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2000)

Folder 22: Transcriber's Workshop Information 1991-2001

Folder 23: Establishing Orientation Center & Acquiring YMCA Building 1958-1960

Folder 24: Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) – Historical Papers

Folder 25: Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) – Publications/Yearbooks, 1960-1970

Folder 26: Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) – Publications/Yearbooks, 1960-1970 (2)

Folder 27: Evaluation and Analysis of the Organization of State

Programs for Blind, 1975

**Archive Box 6:**

This box contains annual reports and photographs. Some photographs are in the annual reports, and some are only associated with the year. Dates include 1952-1996, and undated.

- Folder 1: 1952 Annual Report
- Folder 2: 1954 Annual Report
- Folder 3: 1956 Annual Report
- Folder 4: 1959 Annual Report
- Folder 5: 1960 Annual Report
- Folder 6: 1961 Annual Report
- Folder 7: 1962 Annual Report
- Folder 8: 1963 Annual Report
- Folder 9: 1964 Annual Report
- Folder 10: 1965 Annual Report
- Folder 11: 1966 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 12: 1967 Annual Report
- Folder 13: 1968 Annual Report
- Folder 14: 1969 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 15: 1970 Annual Report
- Folder 16: 1971 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 17: 1972 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 18: 1973 Annual Report
- Folder 19: 1974 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 20: 1975 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 21: 1976 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 22: 1977 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 23: 1978 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 24: 1979 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 25: 1980 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 26: 1981 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 27: 1982 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 28: 1983 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 29: 1984 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 30: 1985 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 31: 1986 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 32: 1987 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 33: 1988 Annual Report
- Folder 34: 1989 Annual Report

- Folder 35: 1990 Annual Report
- Folder 36: 1991 Annual Report
- Folder 37: 1992 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 38: 1993 Annual Report and Photos (1)
- Folder 39: 1993 Annual Report and Photos (2)
- Folder 40: 1994 Annual Report and Photos (1)
- Folder 41: 1994 Annual Report and Photos (2)
- Folder 42: 1996 Annual Report and Photos

### **Archive Box 7:**

This box contains annual reports, photographs, White Cane Updates and materials related to the Iowa Department for the Blind library and other services, Camp Laurie, and the Home for Sightless Women. Additionally, this box contains these books: *Inequality in America: What Role for Human Capital Policies?* by James J. Heckman and Alan B. Krueger (2003); *To Tough the Untouchable Dream*, edited by Kenneth Jernigan (1998); and *Gray Pancakes and Gold Horses*, edited by Kenneth Jernigan (1998).

Dates include 1940s-2000s, and undated.

- Folder 1: 1998 Annual Report & Photos
- Folder 2: 1998 Annual Report Photos
- Folder 3: 1998 Annual Report Photos (2)
- Folder 4: 1998 Annual Report Photos (3)
- Folder 5: 1998 Annual Report Photos (4)
- Folder 6: 2000 Annual Report
- Folder 7: 2000 Annual Report Drafts
- Folder 8: Building Renovations
- Folder 9: Success in Employment (various years)
- Folder 10: IDB Building Pictures, Commissioners, Directors
- Folder 11: 5 Millionth Book Circulation – Celebration, October 30, 1987
- Folder 12: Independence Day, 1988
- Folder 13: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos (1)
- Folder 14: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos (2)
- Folder 15: Lions Club Related Information & Publicity
- Folder 16: “Envisioning Inclusive Communities and Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, 2000
- Folder 17: Iowa Rehabilitation Association
- Folder 18: Home for Sightless Women
- Folder 19: 2008 Historic postcards of Des Moines - Calendar
- Folder 20: Camp Laurie – Information and Photos



- Folder 21: Thank-You Letters to Commission/Department
- Folder 22: Complaint Letters to Library 1989-2009
- Folder 23: Thank-You Cards to Library
- Folder 24: Thank-You Letters to Library (1)
- Folder 25: Thank-You Letters to Library (2)
- Folder 26: Thank-You Letters to Library (3)
- Folder 27: White Cane Update 1983-1989
- Folder 28: White Cane Update 1990-1999
- Folder 29: White Cane Update 2000-2004

### **Archive Box 8: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ENCLOSED.**

This box contains materials related to a hearing involving Iowa Commission for the Blind, concerning the Randolph-Sheppard Act. This box also contains materials related to the Iowa Department for the Blind volunteer workshops, BEP vending photographs, information on Braille and appliances for the blind, textile art, and blindness-related laws in Iowa. Dates include 1930s-2000s, and undated.

- Binder 1: Transcript of Proceedings: Hearing \*CONFIDENTIAL\*
- Binder 2: Transcript of Proceedings: Hearing \*CONFIDENTIAL\*
- Binder 3: Volume I –Decision & Transcript \*CONFIDENTIAL\*
- Binder 4: Volume I Cont., Transcript \*CONFIDENTIAL\*
- Binder 5: Volume II – Evidence Hearing Exhibits \*CONFIDENTIAL\*
- Binder 6: Volume III – Administrative File \*CONFIDENTIAL\*
- Folder 1: Volunteer Workshops and Awards (1)
- Folder 2: Volunteer Workshops and Awards (2)
- Folder 3: Volunteer Workshops and Awards (3)
- Folder 4: Governor's Award, 1995 – Creig Slayton
- Folder 5: BEP and Vending Photos (1)
- Folder 6: BEP and Vending Photos (2)
- Folder 7: History of Braille & Appliances for the Blind
- Folder 8: Textile Art
- Folder 9: Iowa Law Related to Blindness
- Folder 10: Case File Information \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

### **Archive Box 9:**

This box contains materials related to legislative open houses held by the Iowa Department for the Blind, and various photographs of staff and clients. Also within this box is a collection of comics titled, "Is Blindness a Laughing Matter," collected by Kenneth A. Stuckey. This comics collection is not in its own folder because the comics are bound together in book form. The

cartoons relate to blindness and visual impairment. Dates include 1970s-2003, and undated.

- Folder 1: Staff & Client Photos
- Folder 2: Legislative Open House – 1992
- Folder 3: Legislative Open House – 1993
- Folder 4: Legislative Open House – 1994
- Folder 5: Legislative Open House – 1995
- Folder 6: Legislative Open House – 1996
- Folder 7: Legislative Open House – 1997
- Folder 8: Legislative Open House – 1998
- Folder 9: Legislative Open House – 1999
- Folder 10: Legislative Open House – 2000
- Folder 11: Legislative Open House – 2001
- Folder 12: Legislative Open House – 2002
- Folder 13: Legislative Open House - 2003
- Folder 14: 1979 Photos
- Folder 15: 1981 Photos
- Folder 16: 1982 Photos
- Folder 17: 1983 Photos
- Folder 18: 1984 Photos
- Folder 19: 1985 Photos
- Folder 20: 1986 Photos
- Folder 21: 1987 Photos
- Folder 22: 1988 Photos
- Folder 23: 1989 Photos
- Folder 24: 1990 Photos
- Folder 25: 1991 Photos
- Folder 26: 1992 Photos
- Folder 27: 1993 Photos
- Folder 28: 1994 and 1995 Photos

### **Archive Box 10:**

This box contains materials related to Braille, deaf-blindness, blindness-related historical artifacts, the Iowa Department for the Blind's library and other services, as well as miscellaneous photographs. Dates include 1970s-Present, and undated.

- Folder 1: Learning Braille
- Folder 2: Deaf Blindness
- Folder 3: Vocational Rehabilitation – General
- Folder 4: 1996 and 1998-1999 Photos

- Folder 5: 2000-2011 Photos
- Folder 6: Library Photos – miscellaneous
- Folder 7: Artifact Photos
- Folder 8: Copyright Releases, 1980s-Present (1)
- Folder 9: Copyright Releases, 1980s-Present (2)
- Folder 10: Copyright Releases, 1980s and Prior (1)
- Folder 11: Copyright Releases, 1980s and Prior (2)
- Folder 12: Miscellaneous Photos – Negatives
- Folder 13: Miscellaneous Photos (1)
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous Photos (2)
- Folder 15: Miscellaneous Photos (3)
- Folder 16: Miscellaneous Photos (4)
- Folder 17: Miscellaneous Photos (5)

### **Archive Box 11: RESTRICTED ACCESS**

This box contains the Blind Journals for the Iowa Department for the Blind. The journals are not contained in separate folders, but arranged chronologically in the box. Each one is marked with the years it contains. These journals contain some confidential information; therefore access to some information is restricted. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, new or returning client, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Members of the public may view the information in the journals with the confidential information omitted or blocked. Dates include 1947-1994.

- Journal 1: 1946-1952
- Journal 2: 1953-1958
- Journal 3: 1958-1961
- Journal 4: 1961-1963
- Journal 5: 1963-1965
- Journal 6: 1965-1967
- Journal 7: 1967-1969
- Journal 8: 1969-1970
- Journal 9: 1971-1972
- Journal 10: 1972-1973
- Journal 11: 1974-1975
- Journal 12: 1975-1976
- Journal 13: 1976-1977
- Journal 14: 1977-1979
- Journal 15: 1979-1980
- Journal 16: 1981-1982

Journal 17: 1982-1984  
 Journal 18: 1984-1986  
 Journal 19: 1984-1989  
 Journal 20: 1986-1988  
 Journal 21: 1989-1994  
 Journal 22: 1988-1991  
 Journal 23: 1991-1994  
 Journal 24: 1994

## **Series Description**

### **Archive Box 1:**

This box contains materials related to the Iowa Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center, Iowa Department for the Blind anniversaries and publicity, and National Federation of the Blind controversy and publicity. Dates include 1958 – 2009, and undated.

#### Folder 1: Joseph Mossman – Volunteer Luncheon 1974

Folder contains correspondence between Joseph Mossman (an Iowa Commission volunteer) and Mrs. Florence Grannis, regarding Mossman's anger with Kenneth Jernigan, Director of the Iowa Commission for the Blind.

#### Folder 2: Orientation & Adjustment Center – Historical Information

Folder contains papers about acquiring the YMCA building, lobbying for state funding, and the general founding of the Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center. The folder also contains documents that discuss the philosophy of the Orientation Center; such as explaining the Commission's overall view that with proper training and a positive attitude, blindness will not prevent a person from living their life to the fullest.

#### Folder 3: Orientation Center & Commission 1972-1980

Folder contains various papers and correspondence on Kenneth Jernigan's resignation from Director of the Iowa Commission for the blind, funding issues for the Iowa Commission, film publicity for "We Know Who We Are," and Audit information.

#### Folder 4: Orientation Center & Commission 1981-1988

Folder contains various papers and correspondence on acquiring funding for the Iowa Commission for the Blind, placing the Commission for the Blind under administrative control of the Department of Human Rights, Audit information, and complaints lodged against the Commission.

Folder 5: Commission Placed Under Human Rights 1986-1988

Folder contains information (including a copy of the 1988 Bill), from 1986-1988, on the Iowa Commission becoming a Division of the Department of Human Rights; and the fight to have the Iowa Commission be reinstated as its own entity.

Folder 6: Senate File 3 – 1958-1964 (1)

Folder contains information pertaining to Senate File 3, which passed in April of 1963. Senate File 3 sought to change the organization of and appointment of members to the Board for the Iowa Commission for the Blind. Specifically, Senate File 3 removed Louis Iverson, the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) Superintendent, from the Board. Iverson and Kenneth Jernigan did not agree on a philosophy of education. As a result of the conflict and the subsequent removal of Iverson, the relationship between the Iowa Commission and the IBSSS became strained.

Folder 7: Senate File 3 – 1958-1964 (2)

Folder contains additional information related to Senate File 3, which passed in April of 1963.

Folder 8: Braille Literacy Bill – Senate File 254, 1991-1996

Folder contains information on the Braille Literacy Bill, including what appear to be several drafts of the Bill, as well as correspondence between those lobbying for its success.

Folder 9: Brochures – Various Years & Topics

Folder contains brochures about various topics. Most topics are related to the history, philosophy, or general services provided by the Iowa Commission for the Blind. Some of the materials are informational brochures or packets, while others are brochures for banquets, conventions, or other celebrations related to the Iowa Commission for the Blind. Some

publications are not related to the Iowa Commission, such as: American Federation for the Blind, Piano Tuning School, and the Iowa Society to Prevent Blindness.

Folder 10: Joanne Zeihan Wilson – ISU Alumni Achievement Award – 2001

Folder contains a recommendation letter for the ISU Alumni Achievement award from Iowa Department for the Blind Director, Allen Harris. The letter contains various biographies of her work and accomplishments. There are also flyers for her celebration party.

Folder 11: Cane Travel Articles – Jim Witte, 1997-1998

Folder includes articles written by Jim Witte, who was a travel instructor at the Iowa Department for the Blind for several years. Articles include: “Techniques of Travel with the Long Cane” and “Mobility Training for the Older Blind: A Common Sense Approach.”

Folder 12: NFB “Barricades” – 1987 Banquet Address (Fred Schroeder)

Folder contains a copy of The Barricades, a publication of the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa. This edition includes a copy of the 1987 Annual State Convention Banquet Address, given by Fred Schroeder.

Folder 13: R. Creig Slayton – Director

Folder contains various papers, mostly awards and appointment certificates, and pictures involving former Iowa Department for the Blind Director, Creig Slayton.

Folder 14: Terry Pepper – Embezzlement, 1990s

Folder contains periodicals about Iowa Department for the Blind’s former Chief Accountant, Terry Pepper. Pepper was officially charged with embezzling from the Department. Contains articles written by Kenneth Jernigan for the 1990 Braille Monitor, discussing the embezzlement case; various office papers regarding the case; and periodicals discussing an embezzlement charge involving the Lincoln schools. Pepper was officially charged with embezzling from the Department in

September of 1989, but his trial did not begin until January of 1990.

Folder 15: Information Packets – 1998

Folder contains informational packets on the Iowa Department for the Blind, from 1998. The packets contain information on the philosophy of the Department and the services that are provided to blind Iowans.

Folder 16: Iowa Department for the Blind's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2009

Folder contains brochures and invitations to celebrate Iowa Department for the Blind's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, dated 2009. There are print and Braille copies of the invitations.

Folder 17: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Donation Letters, Checks & Thank-You Notes – 1985

Folder contains information pertaining to the Iowa Department for the Blind's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, in 1985. Several folders contain papers related to the celebration; this one holds donation letters and thank-you letters sent to those who donated.

Folder 18: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Invitations & Brochures - 1985

Folder contains additional information related to the Iowa Department for the Blind's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, in 1985. This folder holds invitations and brochures that were sent out advertising various programs held to commemorate the occasion.

Folder 19: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Event Planning (1) - 1985

Folder contains additional information related to the Iowa Department for the Blind's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, in 1985. This folder includes office papers, meeting minutes, memos, and correspondence concerning the planning of the various events.

Folder 20: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Event Planning (2) - 1985

Folder contains additional information related to the Iowa Department for the Blind's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, in

1985. This folder includes additional information related to planning events.

Folder 21: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Publicity – Letters & Releases (1) - 1985

Folder contains additional information related to the Iowa Department for the Blind's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, in 1985. This folder includes letters and press releases sent out by the Department.

Folder 22: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Publicity – Letters & Releases (2) - 1985

Folder contains additional information related to the Iowa Department for the Blind's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, in 1985. This folder includes letters and press releases sent out by the Department.

Folder 23: Kenneth Jernigan – News Articles on his Resignation, 1978

Folder contains periodicals; a few originals, most are photocopies, on Jernigan's resignation from the Iowa Commission for the Blind. Articles are mostly from the Des Moines Register and Des Moines Tribune. Letters from various individuals were collected, including Senator Earl Willets, along with copies of Jernigan's formal written resignation to the Commission Board, dated March 10, 1978. Also included is a copy of the bulletin from Jernigan's funeral in 1998.

Folder 24: Guide Dog Publicity/Controversy

Folder contains periodicals on Guide-Dog stories, opinions and controversy. Some articles discuss the debate on the Iowa Commission for the Blind's ban on students using guide-dogs while participating in the Adult Orientation Center. Not all articles are related solely to the Iowa Commission. Some articles discuss guide-dogs in general, and showcase Iowans who have used them. Dates range 1968-1987. Some articles include:

"Guide Dogs; To the Editor..." (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
3/31/1976

"Rules Blind Unit legal in Guide Dog prohibition"  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 3/29/1976

"Training of Blind Exclusive?" (Cedar Rapids Gazette)



3/23/1976

“Can Commission Deny Training if Blind Prefer Guide Dogs?”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 3/17/1976

Pomeranian Dog Story in George Mills’ Column  
(Des Moines Register) 3/11/1968

“Richard Eckman gains a pair of eyes” (Hampton Chronicle)  
7/23/1987

“Sightless Iowa Central student attends classes with aid of  
guide dog”  
(Collegian) 9/21/1987

“Leader Fog never leaves side of her blind master”  
(Sioux City Journal) 7/11/1987

“Couple trains ‘eyes’ to see for Iowa’s blind”  
(Des Moines Register) 7/30/1986

“Lions, seeing eye dog help woman get around”  
(Ft. Dodge Messenger) 5/10/1985

#### Folder 25: Techniques for the Blind Student – Manuals

Folder contains “How To” manuals for blind students. They were written by Adult Orientation Center instructors, dated 1985. Topics include: Industrial Arts, Sewing, Typing, Home Economics, and Travel with the Long White Cane, and Learning Braille.

#### Folder 26: Commission’s Student Manual – 1983

Folder contains a copy of the Iowa Commission for the Blind’s Student Manual, dated 1983. The preface of the manual states: this manual is designed to aid clients who will be in long-term, post-secondary training settings. It applies to students who will attend vocational/technical schools, business colleges, training institutes, area community colleges, junior colleges, four year colleges and universities, and graduate schools. The manual provides advice on acquiring reader services, note-taking, getting textbooks, and other learning tools. This folder also contains a brochure for the Center for Independent Living Rehabilitation Services, at the Iowa Commission. The date is unknown.

#### Folder 27: NFB Hand-Outs at Commission’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Folder contains materials that the NFB handed out at the Iowa Commission for the Blind's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. By 1985, the relationship between the NFB and the Iowa Commission was discordant. The materials distributed largely denounced the Iowa Commission. Also included is a copy of the NFB Presidential Report, dated July 2, 1985.

**Folder 28: NFB Iowa Chapter – Controversy**

Folder contains publications and correspondence, dated 1980-1981. The subject revolves around tension between the national NFB organization and the NFB Iowa chapter, and Kenneth Jernigan and those involved with the Iowa Commission for the Blind. In general, discussions focus on John Taylor as Director of the Iowa Commission. Individuals featured in this folder include: Kenneth Jernigan, Jo Ann Slayton, Sylvester Nemmers, Jeanne Jensen, Joseph Balderston, David Johnston, and Louise Eads.

**Folder 29: 1970 Annals of Iowa – “A New Day of Hope”**

Folder contains a copy of the Annals of Iowa, a publication of the Iowa State Department of History and Archives. It is Volume 40, Number 3, and was dated winter, 1970. The Annals contains an article titled, “A New Day of Hope,” written by a staff member at the Iowa Commission for the Blind. The article highlights some of the Iowa Commission's history, philosophy, and the overall success it has achieved.

**Archive Box 2:**

This box contains materials related to national blindness-related issues, education, legislative issues, blindness-related medical information, the Iowa Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center, and Iowa Department for the Blind publicity. A variety of documentation describes the programs/services provided by the Commission, and arguments for a separate Commission for the Blind. Materials of note are periodicals on Helen Keller's visit to Des Moines, dated 1925, publicity on foreign visitors and foreign papers, and skeletal remains found during construction on the Commission. Dates include 1925 – 2007, and undated.

**Folder 1: Awards**

Folder contains periodicals that highlight awards given to blind individuals, and awards given by the Commission (or related organization) to others. Dates range 1967-1969.

“Local Man Receives Commendation”

(Oskaloosa Daily Herald) – 10/15/1969 – Clyde Patterson

“Blames Colleges’ Stress on Prestige for Campus Flare-ups”

(Des Moines Register) – 4/30/1969

“Iowa Blind Honor Two State Officials”

(Waterloo Sunday Courier) 6/4/1967

“Honor 2 for Aid to Blind” (DM Sunday Register) 6/4/1967

“National Official: Iowa Best Place to be Blind”

(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 6/4/1967

“Counselor for blind honored for service” (Burlington Hawkeye)

11/16/1986

“Maddox receives distinguished award” (Spirit Lake Beacon)

11/29/1984

“Local woman invests thousands of hours taping books for blind” (DM Register) 3/27/1985

Executive Council Resolution/Certificate – honoring DM Fire Department and Jernigan

Photo – Ken Haugen awarded for Volunteer services, 1980s

## Folder 2: Awards/Commendations to Kenneth Jernigan

Folder contains periodicals that highlight Kenneth Jernigan’s awards, award nominations, and committee appointments. Dates range 1964-1970.

“Archie Award Winners” Publicity (DM Register) April 1966

Francis Joseph Campbell Award

“Imaginative Leadership” (DM Register) 6/28/1967

“Citation: Aid to Blind by Jernigan” (DM Tribune) 6/27/1967

“Iowa’s Blind Now Served by the World’s Best library for Blind”

(Clinton Herald) June 1967

“Sometime” (DM Register) 1/22/1968

Presidential Citation Award

“Director of Blind Unit Gets Award” (Cedar Rapids Gazette)

3/12/1968

“Jernigan is Given Citation” (Des Moines Tribune) 3/11/1968

“Presidential Citation for Jernigan” (Des Moines Register)

3/12/1968

“Iowa’s Marvelous Ken Jernigan” (DM Register) 3/14/1968

"Director of Iowa Commission for Blind Receives Special Citation for Work" (The Iowa Lion) March 1968  
 "Blind Director Cited by LBJ" (Ottumwa Courier) 3/13/1968  
 "Iowa Blind Director Draws Approving Eye from LBJ" (Glenwood) March 1968  
 "If a Person Must be Blind" – speech delivered honoring Jernigan 3/11/1968; Coe College Doctorate  
 "Tells Coe of Quixotic Protestors" (DM Register) 6/12/1968  
 "Coe Names Three for Honorary Degrees during Commencement" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 5/15/1968  
 "Largest Coe Senior Class, 197, Graduated" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 6/10/1968  
 "Nominate Six More for Tribune Award" (DM Tribune) 12/30/1968  
 "Five More Nominations" (DM Tribune) 12/7/1966  
 "Suggest 3 More For '64 Award"  
 Advisory Committee of Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults  
 "National Center Names Jernigan to Advisor Post" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 7/23/1970  
 "Iowa Director Named Advisor for Blind-Deaf" (Council Bluffs Nonpareil) 7/24/1970  
 "Jernigan Named to Advisory Group for Deaf-Blind" (Sioux City Journal) 7/25/1970  
 "Blind Award to Jernigan" (Miami paper) 7/3/1960

### Folder 3: Staff Publicity

Folder contains periodicals that involve staff and those connected to the Commission. Various subjects include the Commission, and personal stories or accomplishments. Dates range 1959-1985.

"21 Blind Persons Attend C.L. Picnic" (Mirror Reporter) 5/17/1966  
 "Play Opens Friday" (DM Tribune) 5/16/1973  
 "Crawford Leaving Grinnell Station" April/May 1967  
 - James Crawford  
 "Father of the Year" - James Glaza (Waterloo Sunday Courier) 6/21/1970  
 "Glaza installed as Lions Club district official" - James Glaza (Waterloo Daily Courier) 7/8/1974  
 "Blind, But the Show Goes On" - James Glaza

- (DM Sunday Register) 4/27/1969
- “Bulb Sale Lights Way” - James Glaza 11/5/1967
- “Librarian for Iowa Blind Begins a New Chapter”  
- Florence Grannis (DM Tribune) 12/27/1975
- “New Club of African Violet Fans”  
- Florence Grannis (DM Tribune) 9/12/1967
- “Blind Award to Mrs. Kirsner” - Mrs. Alvin Kirsner  
(DM Sunday Register) 9/22/1963
- “Temple to Honor Braille Helpers” - Mrs. Alvin Kirsner  
(DM Tribune) 11/15/1966
- “Blind commission speaker at Senior Citizens club meeting”  
(Daily Freeman-Journal, Webster City) 4/17/1974
- “Their marriage contract means love, not war”  
-Mike & Eileen May (DM Register) 3/4/1973
- “He ‘Saw’ Europe a Different Way” (DM Tribune) 10/16/1963
- “Speaks on discrimination of blind” - Jim Omvig
- “Jim is Successful” - Jim Omvig
- “Guest speaker, new officers installed fortnightly May breakfast”  
- Jim Omvig (Washington Evening Journal) 5/8/1974
- “Blind Speaker Says Attitude Main Problem” - Jim Omvig  
(Marshalltown Times-Republican) 4/5/1972
- “Jim Omvig Spoke at National Convention” (The Slater News)  
1967
- “Freshman Law Students Argue Cases in New Education  
Experiment” (Loyola University Pamphlet) 6/23/1964
- “God love you Phelps” - Robert Phelps  
(Waterloo Courier) 5/15/1975
- “A good friend and his job” - Robert Phelps  
(Cedar Falls) 6/19/1973
- “Iowan searches 20 years, finds he has brother”  
- Ray Raymond (DM Register) 9/5/1975
- “Eye Bank Program for Sorority” - Robert Rucker
- “How Blind Keep House”  
- Mrs. Wallace H. Schroeder 12/27/1959
- “Myers-Sloan” - Jeryl Ann Sloan and Ronald E. Meyers  
(DM Tribune) 6/30/1972
- Miss Talbott speaks at women’s club  
(Minburn Booster) 4/22/1971
- “Wires own home, refers to blindness as nuisance”  
- John Taylor (Ft. Dodge Messenger) 5/22/1974

"Closes Eyes, Lets Blind Man Lead Him across Busy Street"  
 - John Taylor (DM Sunday Register) 7/14/1968  
 Photos - demonstrates Braille writer - John Taylor  
 Gordan Gammack article - John Taylor (DM Tribune) 2/7/1963  
 "Teen, Working Girl, Troubled Mother – Y.W. Helps Them All"  
 - John Taylor (DM Sunday Register) 4/12/1964  
 "It's Puzzle-Time at the Taylors" Opinion piece, 1967  
 "Bike Teamwork – Two-Thirds Blind" - James Valliant  
 "Monitor Minatures" - Romona (Willoughby) Walhof  
 (The Braille Monitor) June 1972  
 "Blindness No Block in Language Course"  
 - Romona (Willoughby) Walhof (Washington Post)  
 "Iowa Program for Blind is Called One of Best"  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 12/24/1967  
 "The Front Row" - Romona (Willoughby) Walhof  
 (DM Tribune) 9/12/1967  
 "Iowans Named for Training" - Romona (Willoughby) Walhof  
 5/12/1962  
 "Emissary to Blind: Troubles, Triumphs" - Mary Anne Whaley  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 7/6/1969  
 "She's Iowa's Emissary for Blind" - Mary Anne Whaley  
 (DM Tribune) 6/28/1969  
 "2 Mishaps: Same Spot, and Engine" - Lester Wilson's Wife  
 (DM paper)  
 "Gordon Gammack" - Karen Clawson  
 (DM Tribune) 9/6/1963  
 "A most unusual 'voice with a smile'" - Karen Clawson  
 (Northwestern Bell magazine) Oct. 1963  
 "New Management for Homes of Oakridge" – Harold Welch  
 "Dreams Can Come True"  
 (Des Moines Symphony News) Winter 1984/85  
 "Cindy and Rob Gremban" – photos

Folder 4: Helen Keller – Des Moines visit publicity **VERY FRAGILE**

This folder contains news-clippings from when Helen Keller visited Des Moines, IA in 1925. These are all taped to other pages, and are *VERY FRAGILE* so *HANDLE WITH CARE*.

"Helen Keller in Her Garden" 2/1/1925  
 "'Pity the Poor Little Useless Flapper,' Says Helen Keller –  
 'Though Deaf and Blind, I Know I am Much Happier than She'"

"Helen Keller Makes Stirring Plea for Blind"  
 "Tells How Helen Keller's Mind Pierced the Black Barriers of  
 Blindness" 2/3/1925  
 "Helen Keller is Visitor in City" 2/2/1925  
 "Helen Keller Tells of Life"  
 "The Helen Keller Party on Arrival Here" (photo)  
 "Anne Sullivan Macy, Eyes and Ears for Helen Keller, is Herself  
 Almost Blind" 2/3/1925  
 "2,000 Cheer Miss Keller, Blind Genius" 2/4/1925  
 "Solons Hear Helen Keller" 2/3/1925  
 "2,000 Listen to Blind Girl" 2/4/1925  
 "Helen Keller, Blind and Deaf, Tingles with Joy of Living"  
 2/2/1925  
 "Helen Keller Arrives Today" 2/2/1925

Folder 5: Attitudes on Blindness – Misc. Articles

This folder contains correspondence dating 1939-1952  
 regarding the attitude toward blindness, and periodicals  
 addressing the changing attitudes on blindness.  
 "Accept Blind Persons - - Don't Pity Them"  
 (DM Tribune) 3/17/1969  
 "Should Educate Blind Brother" (DM Register) 10/10/1970  
 "Dear Anne...  
 "Hints for Blind Housewife" (DM Register) 4/5/1967  
 "Don't Baby the Handicapped"  
 "Parents Need to See the Light"  
 "Be a Tool for Blind, Not a Crutch" (DM Register) 9/8/4965  
 "Strike by Blind, Handicapped" (DM Register) 11/2/1967  
 "A Family Sometimes Obstacle" - National Association of the  
 Physically Handicapped Convention – Fran Halbeisen  
 (DM Tribune) 7/25/1966  
 "Blindness a nuisance but not a handicap"  
 (Globe-Gazette, Mason City) 8/12/1966  
 "Says Bias against Blind being Corrected - -Slowly"  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 6/5/1966  
 "Feels Blind are Gaining Respect" (DM Sunday Register)  
 6/5/1966  
 "Blindness a nuisance, not handicap, to Trio"  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 2/9/1966  
 "Afraid of the Blind", Mary Main (The Rotarian) May 1965

- “Voice of the People” (Highland Park News) 12/24/1964  
-Mr. Jernigan’s Letter to Harry Bradley
- “With Training, Blind Can Do Many Jobs”  
(Waterloo Daily Courier) 5/28/1963
- “The Blind, Too, Learn to Dance” (DM Tribune) 10/3/1962
- “Facing up to the facts of Blindness”  
(Globe-Gazette, Mason City) 10/1/1962
- “Urges Use of Talents of the Blind”  
(DM Register) 1/16/1961 – Dr. tenBroek
- “Blind Prof to Speak at Church” (DM Tribune) 1/14/1961
- “Blind Work” (DM Sunday Register) 6/7/1964 – Dr. tenBroek
- “Studying Raised Blueprints” – Dr. tenBroek
- “Virden cites Bias, Seeks Amended Rights Ordinance”  
12/10/1971
- “Philosophical Implications of Book Selection for the Blind”  
Dec. 1968
- “Public’s attitude toward blindness called ‘prehistoric’”  
(Corydon Times-Republican) 9/24/1985
- “Seeing More Clearly” (DM Skywalker) 7/24/1985

#### Folder 6: Teach-In Publicity

- This folder contains publicity on “Teach-In”, which aimed to educate the general public on how blind people go about daily life. Teach-In took place October 3, 1970 at the KRNT Theatre.
- “Dimension in Sight: Greek Week” 1970
- “Teach-In On Blindness and the Blind!” – Flyer
- Publicity for Teach-In, various papers

#### Folder 7: White Cane Law/Safety Day Publicity 1941-1985

- Folder contains letters and periodicals about the White Cane Law and White Cane Safety Day, adopted in 1985. Dates range 1941-1985.
- Letter 1941 – discussing new White Cane law
- “White Cane Safety Day” 10/17/1985
- “White Cane Safety Day noted in Iowa”  
(Ft. Madison Daily Democrat)
- “White cane day to be observed across Iowa on Tuesday”  
(Muscatine Journal) 10/14/1985
- “Governor Branstad proclaims Oct. 15 White Cane Safety Day”  
(Fremont Gazette)



## White Cane Safety Day – (from the White House) 1970

### Folder 8: Publicity on Various Fair booths at Various Fairs from Various Papers

Folder contains periodicals about booths the Commission had set up at different fairs over the years. Booths had a variety of focuses, but their main purpose was to educate the public about blindness. Dates range 1964-1970.

“John Culver” (Oelwein Daily Register) 8/21/1964

“Blind Students at Fayette County Fair” (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 8/21/1964

“2,000 Cookies Given Away at Fair Blind Booth”  
(Oelwein Daily Register) 8/20/1964

“Visitors to the Fayette...” (West Union Argo-Gazette) 8/20/1964

“36 Blind Persons Visit, Operate Booth at Fair” August 1965

“Fair booth for the blind” (Algona Advance) 8/17/1967

“Blind tell benefits at unique fair booth” (The Sentinel) 8/17/1967

“Horse Show Takes Fair’s Spotlight”  
(Davenport-Bettendorf Times-Democrat) 8/7/1968

“Department to Strut their Stuff at the Fair”  
(Spencer Daily Reporter) 8/28/1969

“The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hardin County Fair” (Hardin County Index) 7/3/1970

“Self Determined Project” (Garner Leader & Signal) 8/19/1970

“Blind People ‘See’ Good Future” (Hardin County Index) 8/21/1970

### Folder 9: Women’s Clubs Publicity 1963-1974

Folder contains publicity involving Women’s clubs and the Iowa Commission. The majority deal with the women volunteering, learning about the education of the blind.

“Library for the blind discussed” (Boone-News-Republican) 2/8/1974

“Summer conference is slated June 9-11” June 1974

“Training of Blind Program Support Urged”  
(The Iowa Clubwoman) Spring Issue 1973

“Tells Woman’s Club of services for the blind”  
(Charles City Press) 11/8/1973

- “NG Host to 3<sup>rd</sup> District Club Meeting”  
(Tribune-Gazette, New Hampton) 10/8/1970
- “Sixth District convention held”  
(Ft. Dodge Messenger) 9/30/1970
- “H.O.A. Study Club” (Appeal, Albert City) 9/17/1970
- “Woman’s Club Hears of Work with Blind”  
(Hawkeye-Gazette, Burlington) 9/4/1970
- “Looking at Articles” (Hawkeye-Gazette, Burlington) 9/3/1970
- “Blind Speak” (Herald, Clinton) 5/20/1970
- “Health Program for Jan. meeting of Moville Woman’s Club”  
(Moville Record) 1/13/1970
- “Gowrie Women Provide Reading Materials for the Blind”  
(The Gowrie News) 11/26/1969
- “Wednesday Club program tells work for the blind”  
(Perry Daily Chief) 11/24/1969
- “Present program on blind” (Perry Daily Chief) 11/20/1969
- “Blind people’s opportunities in Iowa are related by Kenneth Jernigan” (Ft. Dodge Messenger) 11/3/1967
- “Exhibit Articles Made by Blind Persons”  
(Atlantic News-Telegraph) 9/23/1967
- “Tuesday club visited Commission for Blind” (Lamoni Chronicle)  
9/14/1967
- “Name Club Woman of Year” (Marengo, IA) 2/17/1966
- “Tells Lighthouse Club of Iowa Progress in Aiding the Blind”  
(Sioux City Journal) 5/5/1965
- “Women’s Club Informed on ICB Services”  
(Creston News Advertiser) 11/10/1964
- “Women to Tour Building Thursday” 2/27/1963
- “Officials of Farm Group are Elected” - Thelma Johnson  
(DM Register) 11/30/1972
- “Kenneth Jernigan to tell FB ladies about work of the blind Feb.  
21” (Allerton) Feb. 1973
- “Outlines Iowa’s programs for the blind”  
(Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman) 6/24/1972
- “Iowa’s Blind to be topic at Woman’s Club”  
(Ft. Dodge Messenger) 10/28/1967
- “Women Hear Report on Iowa Blind” (Muscatine Journal)  
10/2/1968
- “Training of Blind Program Support Urged”  
(The Iowa Clubwoman p.5) 4/11/1973

- "Louisa Clubs Honored at Convention" 3/20/1966
- "Women Help Blind" (Phoenix Gazette) 2/16/1971
- "Picture: State Ladies Auxiliary to the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers Assn." (Independence Bulletin Journal) 9/18/1970
- "Iowa Beef Wives to see Blind Training" (American Cattle Producer) March 1968
- "Record of Achievement" Mount Sinai Temple Sisterhood (Sioux City Sunday Journal) 11/10/1963
- "Will Honor Braillists" (Des Moines Sunday Register) 12/5/1971

Folder 10: Speech Publicity to Various Clubs 1962-1970

- Folder contains publicity on the different speeches given to various clubs and organizations, on behalf of the Iowa Commission. These speeches are mainly concerned with changing public attitudes towards blindness.
- "Jernigan tells story of the blind" - Oskaloosa Shrine Club
  - "Jernigan Executives Club speaker on Blind of Iowa" – Cerro Gordo County Executives Club
  - "Cites Work Center Does For Blind" (DM Register) 7/20/1962
  - "Director of blind to talk at Zion Lutheran" (Manning Monitor) 10/31/1962
  - "Towels Hemmed by Blind Women" (The Iowa Clubwoman) March 1965
  - "Iowa Director of the Blind Addresses Local Rotary Club" (Clayton County Register) 12/7/1967
  - "Tells Success in Rehabilitating Blind in Iowa" (Carroll Daily Times) 10/18/1968
  - "Kenneth Jernigan to be Lay Sunday Methodist Speaker" (Toledo Chronicle) 10/10/1968
  - "This Week..." (Muscatine Rotary Round-Up Flyer) 6/9/1969
  - "Jernigan cites problems of government and services" (Daily-Freeman-Journal)
  - "Blindness not a Handicap Montezuma Audience is Told" (Montezuma Republican) 2/5/1970
  - "Blind Performers in Program Here" 4/8/1962

Folder 11: Creig and JoAnn Slayton – Articles 1960s

- Folder contains articles highlighting Creig Slayton (former Iowa Department for the Blind Director) and his wife, Jo Ann.
- "A Wedding Reception at the Commission for the Blind"

(DM Register) 9/9/1964  
 "Don't Call Us Blind" (Davenport-Bettendorf Times-Democrat)  
 8/10/1969

#### Folder 12: Technology

Folder contains news articles discussing various technological advancements, and ways that it has influenced the lives of blind individuals. Dates range 1972-1987.

"New Lights in the Darkness" (Des Moines Tribune) – 1/3/1972

"Computer word processing by a blind person with quadriplegia" August/September 1987

"Former golf pro overcomes handicap" (DM Register) 8/2/1987

"Computer speaks to blind employee" (Target, Rock Island, Ill.)  
 5/1/1987

"Some are Differently Abled"

(Scope: Iowa Methodist Medical Center) 4/30/1986

"Home News" (The New Beacon: Journal of Blind Welfare)  
 Oct. 1985

"Ethel Louise Gregory" - picture

"ISU computer programmer copes with blindness"  
 (Iowa State Daily)

"World Opens up via CB radio" (Carroll Daily) 5/31/1985

"Technology center aids the blind" (DM Register) Feb. 1985

"TECHTALK" (USA Today) 1/31/1984 – copy

#### Folder 13: Employment Opportunities & Highlight News-Stories

Folder contains letters and periodicals that discuss job opportunities for the blind and featured stories of individuals with careers. Dates range 1938-2007.

"Braille Project"

Letter to Mr. Joseph F. Clunk 1/20/1938

Letter to Mrs. Holmes 11/19/1944

Letter from Commission to Mr. William Sullinger 5/21/1949

Letter from Commission to Mr. William Dauterman 11/13/1952

Letter to Mrs. Holmes 2/24/1954

"Warner, Viola" 1956/1957

Letter to Mrs. Lois Gatton 5/3/1957

Letter from Commission to Mr. Harlan Moss 9/25/1957

Letter from Noble Manufacturing Company to Mr. Duane L.  
 Colburn 8/2/1967

- “Blind Men Find New Life in John Deere Plant” 4/26/1959
- “Dysart Photographer Sightless for 24 Years”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 5/17/1958
- “Blind Masseuse Working for YMCA Health Club”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 2/15/1959
- “Blind Fight Possible Bar by Chiropractic Schools”  
(DM Register) 6/22/1964
- “Blind Electrician Sets Fast Pace”, John W. Polston  
(Performance) Sept. 1966
- “Blind Workers at American Exhibit in Poland” (Performance)  
Oct. 1966
- “How a Blind Iowa Gets Along with 3 Million Bees” – 8/11/1968
- “Abandoned at Birth, Blind, Receives Ph.D. at Age 48”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 2/6/1971
- “A Blind Cabinetmaker” (Times-Democrat) - Richard Steckel  
8/26/1971
- “Group for Blind Offers Reward” – Richard Steckel
- “Two Blind Brothers Operate Drive-In Restaurant”  
(National Inquirer) 9/12/1971
- “This Secretary Loves a Challenge” (Modern Secretary)  
11/1971
- “Small Firm Saves Money with Two Blind Workers”  
(Performance) April 1966
- “The Blind are Breaking down Limits to Jobs they Hold”  
(Louisville Times) 6/9/1966
- “Glenwood Institute is cited for Hiring Handicapped”  
(Omaha World Herald) March 1968
- “Blind Radio ‘Ham’ is ‘Eyes’ of M. and St. L. After Storm”  
- R.B. Marquis (Times-Republican)
- “Blind Men Found to Be Efficient Workers in War Industry Here;  
Fingers Deft and Fast”
- “Blindness No Handicap for Photo Plant Jobs”
- “Blind Boy Social Fraternity Pledge” (DM Register) 12/1/1940
- “How to Conquer Blindness” (Perry Chief) 5/8/1953
- “Shirley Porter, Attorney, to Tell Muscatine club How He  
Overcame Handicap of Blindness in Talk Here”  
(Muscatine Journal) 5/15/1962
- “Iowa City Man Uses His Hells to ‘Hear’” (DM Tribune)  
5/17/1952
- “Blind Citizen Leads Active Life as Musician, Lawyer”

(Iowa) 3/12/1954

"Wm. Hahle completes 35 years as lawyer in Sumner"

"Workmen at Deere Plant Have Sight in Fingertips" (Dubuque)

5/15/1948

"Horse-Love Stays After He Is Blind" - Roy M. Correll

"Blind, He Continues to Operate His Farm" - Nick Menninga

"He's Blind – A Ph.D. Psychologist" - Dr. Emerson Foulke

"H.A. Luithly, Totally Blind Has Operated Store at Rubio 40 Years" (Washington Journal) 4/20/1954

"Debbie Knapp turns handicap into asset"

(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 10/14/1987

"All this blind man wants is employment" (Beacon, Spirit Lake)

1/22/1987

"Worker's touch, tools overcome blindness"

(North Country Register) 3/31/1985

"New Business for Cumberland" (Cumberland News) 5/2/1985

"Breaking away from the dark" (Telegraph Herald) 3/4/1984

"Being blind has not dulled love of lanes" (USA Today)

7/10/1984

"Blindness no handicap for financial analyst"

(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 11/29/1985

"Blindness no barrier to top GM salesman" (DM Register)

9/29/1987

"A window of jobs for their skills" (DM Register) 7/15/1991

"Blind seek more options at work" (Omaha World-Herald)

12/10/2007

#### Folder 14: "Blind? Yes. Unemployed? No!"

Folder contains a book published by Iowa Commission for the Blind, discussing different employment opportunities available to those who are blind. It explains that blind people can have the same jobs as sighted people, provided they receive the right training and learn the adaptive techniques necessary for the job.

#### Folder 15: Prisoners Help the Blind

Folder contains periodicals about prisoners volunteering to help the Blind. Dates range 1959-2007.

"Iowa Prisoners Help the Blind" (The Presidio) Jan. 1959

"I.S.P. Hosts Sight Parley" (The Presidio) Sept. 1960

“Iowa Prisoners Honored for Aid to Blind”  
 (Bulletin Institute of Gerontology) August 1962  
 “Inmates learning lessons while training guide dogs”  
 (Omaha World-Herald) 10/10/2007

Folder 16: Blind Teachers & Controversy

This folder contains letters addressed to the Iowa Commission for the Blind, discussing the inability to attend a teaching program. Also contains news articles that highlight student teachers, and other individuals who desire to teach blind or sighted students. Dates 1937-1966.

Letters to Cr. W.H. Gemmill July and August 1937

Letter to Mrs. Holmes, 4/5/1950

“Blind Student Teacher Faces unique Challenge”  
 (The Courier) 10/27/1961

“Urges Blind be allowed to Teach” (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
 5/18/1966

“Blind Teachers” (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 5/22/1966

“Blind Teacher” - Alexander J. Chavich (letter format)

Folder 17: Legislative Contact 1961-1973

This folder includes letters to the Iowa Legislature from the Iowa Commission for the Blind, requesting funds for the appropriated year(s).

Legislative Askings – Iowa Commission for the Blind  
 January 1961

Statement by Iowa Commission for the Blind – June 1966

Folder 18: Gordon Gammack Columns Dealing with Various People

Folder contains articles featuring Gordon Gammack’s column.  
 Dates include 1961-1971.

Gordon Gammack column (DM Tribune) 5/11/1971

Folder 19: Foreign Visitors/Foreign Papers Discuss IA Commission

This folder contains papers regarding foreign visitors to the Iowa Commission, and articles from foreign papers discussing the Iowa Commission. Dates range 1964-1970.

“Aussie, Asian Blind to D.M” (DM Register) July 1964

“Foreign Visitors Visit Commission” (Des Moines Register)  
 7/11/1970

Various articles from foreign papers regarding Fatima Shah and KJ Karachi, 1965

“Education the Blind” by Dr. Fatima Shah

(Dawn, South Napiet Road, Karachi) 3/11/1965

“Training of the blind in agriculture” July 1965

“Farm Training Plan for the Blind” (Morning News) 4/6/1965

“Conquest of Blindness” (Morning News Magazine, Karachi)  
3/28/1965

Folder 20: Mrs. Ethel Towne Holmes

This folder contains letters and periodicals about Mrs. Ethel Towne Holmes, first director of the Iowa Commission for the Blind. There is correspondence and her obituary. Dates range 1941-1974.

Mrs. Holmes writing to Mr. Fey, making him aware of the complaints, 5/20/1941

“First Iowa Blind Unit Head Dies” (DM Tribune) 7/17/1974

Folder 21: Blind Pension

This folder contains information on issues surrounding blind individuals awarded a pension pay. Dates range 1928-1942.

Letter from Commission to Miss Grace Helen Greenman,  
1/11/1928

Letter from Commission to Mrs. Iva Witcombe, 12/7/1942

Folder 22: Medical Information - Correspondence, Miscellaneous

This folder contains information on medical issues relating to the eye and to blindness in general. There is also a list of medical terms relating to the eye, medical brochures, and correspondence regarding the health of individuals or of eye diseases. Dates range 1962-1986.

“Save Your Eyes—Wear Goggles when Handling Ammonia”  
(Des Moines Register) – 4/4/1971

“Surgery Improves Blind Man’s Sight” (California Tribune)  
1/25/1962

“Transplants give kidney patients new hope”  
(Mercy Hospital Center Journal) October 1986

“Wolfe Clinic, Charter work together” (Business Record)  
10/20-26/1986



Folder 23: Medical Information – Correspondence, Miscellaneous (2)

This folder contains additional information on medical issues relating to the eye and to blindness in general. Information is dated 1980s.

Brief overview of the anatomy and parts of the ear

Hearing Screening Reports – look like worksheets

Draft-“Blindness and Disorders of the Eye”

– published by Iowa Commission for the Blind

Definition of retinopathy of prematurity

Glossary of eye terms

Draft – “Blindness and diseases of the Eye”

– In consultation with Leo J. Plummer, M.D.

“Researchers find new cause of rare eye cancer”

(Retinoblastoma) 1983 – copy

“Blind doctor is censured for performing operations”

(DSM Register) 3/3/1984

“Diabetes in rats prevented; new hope for humans seen”

(DSM Register) 7/31/1984

“Blindness and Disorders of the Eye”

Anatomy of the Eye – photograph

Folder 24: DSMO Treatment for Retinitis Pigmentosa: Robert V. Hill, M.D. Longview, Washington

This folder contains general information on Retinitis

Pigmentosa, possible treatment options or results of the disease, and information on the RP Foundation.

Correspondence and several medical brochures, articles, newsletters and other publications are also included.

Folder 25: Orientation Center Newsletters

Orientation Center Newsletter, Commission for the Blind

December 1986

Orientation Newsletter, May 1985

Folder 26: Orientation Center Philosophy & Publicity

Folder contains letters and periodicals about the Orientation

Center teaching philosophy, why it was founded and what it

hopes to accomplish. Also contains publicity articles that have various topics, and discuss public opinion of the center.

Numerous articles praising the Iowa program, and naming it as

ground-breaking and a model for others to follow are included; articles also discuss what students learn. Dates range 1955-1975.

Proposed orientation and Adjustment Center for the Blind  
– to State House

Letters February and June 1955

“Dedicate New Blind Center” (DM Sunday Register) 6/11/1960

“Center for Blind to be Dedicated” (DM Register) 6/9/1961

“Programs Here on Education for Blind”

(Jepsen Citizen-Herald) 11/19/1975

Sawada Publicity, “Praises Iowa Blind Program” (DM Tribune)  
8/18/1966

“Iowa Agency Widens Horizons of Blind” (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) 2/20/1967

“Blind leads the Blind—to Independence”

(Sunday World-Herald Magazine, Omaha) 2/19/1967

“Iowa’s program May be World’s Finest”

(Sunday picture magazine, DM Register) 1/15/1967

“Women Run the Workshop for Charity” (DM Sunday Register)  
11/27/1966

“Iowa World Recognized in Rehabilitation of Blind”

(The Oelwein Daily Register) 11/5/1966

“Teaching Our Blind to Live Useful Lives”

(Independence Conservative) 5/9/1967

“Teaching Blind for Useful Lives” (Daily Sentinel, Le Mars)  
6/2/1967

“Teach Blind New Outlook” (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 5/23/1967

“Bright New Day Dawns for the Blind”

(The Capital Times Green, Madison, WI) 12/28/1967

“Potgeter Reports” (Eldora Herald-Ledger) – Jan. 1969

“Time to Reassess School Priorities: Education and Innovation”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 10/12/1969

“School Makes Blindness Handicap in Name Only” (Burlington)  
5/17/1970

“How the Blind Learn the Art of Cooking” (Sunday Register)  
12/5/1971

“Center for Blind Students” (Cedar Rapids Gazette) Iowa City  
11/7/1965

“Eight-Year Iowa Program Paying Off”

“Job Breakthrough for Blind Reported” (Milwaukee Journal)

- 1/31/1966  
 "Program Open New Careers for Blind Iowans"  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 1/31/1966  
 "Opportunity for blind" (The Perry Daily Chief) 1/31/1966  
 "Blind Successfully Work at 'Impossible' Careers"  
 (Telegraph Bulletin, North Platte, NE) 1/31/1966  
 "New Iowa Concept in Aiding Blind People Gets Results"  
 (Telegraph-Herald, Dubuque) 1/31/1966  
 "Iowa Center Trains Blind to Meet Variety of Opportunities"  
 (Centerville Iowegian) 1/31/1966  
 "Important Iowa Advance in Opportunity for Blind"  
 (Oelmein Daily Register) 1/31/1966  
 "Remap decision a victory for Demos" (Times Herald, Carroll)  
 1/19/1972  
 "Blind lead blind: Davenport man learns skills to survive"  
 (Quad-City Times) 2/28/1986

Folder 27: Orientation Center Philosophy & Publicity (2)

Folder contains additional information about the Orientation Center philosophy and publicity. Dates range 1961-1966.

- "Jobs Provided for the Blind" (Grand Island, Neb. Independent)  
 1/31/1966  
 "Blind person Can Fill Most Any Job"  
 (The Hawk-Eye, Burlington) 1/31/1966  
 "Iowa Trains Blind to Operate Power Tools" (Denver Post)  
 1/31/1966  
 "Iowa Program for Blind Does 'Impossible' in Rehabilitation"  
 (Clinton Herald) 1/31/1966  
 "Breakthrough is scored with Jobs for Sightless"  
 (Omaha-World Herald) 2/1/1966  
 "Iowa Training the Blind in 'Impossible' Vocations"  
 (Norfolk Daily News) 1/31/1966  
 "State Program Finding New Jobs for Blind" (Marshalltown)  
 1/31/1966  
 "Blind Iowans are doing the Impossible"  
 (Waterloo Daily Courier) 1/31/1966  
 "Iowa Blind People Work in Many Jobs" (Newton)  
 "Iowa Blind Placed in Many Jobs" (Fairfield Ia. Ledger)  
 1/31/1966  
 "Blind person Successful as Reporters and Engineers"

- (Daily Freeman Journal, Webster City) 1/31/1966
- "Iowa Program for Blind Earns National Acclaim"  
(Council Bluffs Nonpareil) 1/31/1966
- "Iowa Commissioner for Blind Makes 'Impossible' Possible"  
"Iowa Miracle Program for Blind Lauded"  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 4/18/1966
- "Iowa's Program for Blind Called One of World's Best"  
(DM Sunday Register) 4/17/1966
- "Recorder lets more Blind Study" (DM Tribune) 10/28/1965
- "Where the Blind Beat Their Handicap" (DM Sunday Register)  
10/8/1961
- "Iowa commission for blind teachers 'new philosophy of  
blindness'" (Oskaloosa Daily Herald) 10/10/1962
- "Rehabilitation center for the blind helps to put Iowa close to the  
top" (Oskaloosa Daily Herald) 10/12/1962
- "Public Library" for the blind busiest library in the State"  
(Oskaloosa Daily Herald) 10/13/1962
- "Rehabilitation is slow, but thorough at center"  
(Ames Daily Tribune)
- "Comprehensive library: one of the best in U.S."  
(Ames Daily Tribune)
- "Iowa Leads in Action for Blind" (DM Tribune) 3/11/1963
- "Iowa Leads in Rehabilitating the Blind"  
(Iowa City Press-Citizen) 3/11/1963
- "There's new hope for Iowa's blind"  
(Globe-Gazette, Mason City) 3/29/1963
- "Four Blind Students Enroll in SSS Program"  
(The Dakota Scientist) 9/23/1963
- "New Concept Tearing Down Bars for Iowa Blind"  
(Waterloo Daily Courier) 2/21/1964
- "Seek to Convince Iowans its Respectable to be blind"  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 2/23/1964
- "New View of Blind" (The Hawk-Eye, Burlington) 2/21/1964
- "New Philosophy toward Blind Wins Acceptance in Iowa"  
(Daily Freeman-Journal) 2/21/1964
- "Training Program for Blind Undergoes Changes in Iowa"  
(Telegraph-Herald, Dubuque) 2/24/1964
- "Iowans are Accepting New Ideas about Blind"  
(Times Herald, Carroll) 2/21/1964
- "Iowa Forges Ahead in Rehabilitation Blind"

- (Democrat, Ft. Madison) 2/25/1964  
 "Iowa Gaining New Philosophy toward Blind"  
 (Daily Times-Green Streak) 2/24/1964  
 "New Philosophy toward Blind Winning Acceptance in Iowa"  
 (Council Bluffs Nonpareil) 2/23/1964  
 "A New Philosophy toward Blind" (Ft. Dodge Messenger)  
 2/20/1964  
 "New Ideas are Winning Acceptance for Blind"  
 (The Muscatine Journal) 2/29/1964  
 "Blind Get a Chance to Succeed on Own"  
 (DM Sunday Register) 7/19/1964  
 "Iowa's Training for the Blind Known throughout the World"  
 (Fort Dodge Messenger) 1/7/1965

Folder 28: Orientation Center Visits/Recreation

Folder contains periodicals about the Orientation Center, the visits and recreational activities in which the students participate. Dates range 1962-1976.

- "Blind commission patrons visit Beauty Haven"  
 (Creston News Advertiser) 8/16/1973  
 "Blind Students Spend Outing in Area City"  
 May 1974 – Harpers Ferry  
 "Most Exciting Trip for Blind Orientation Class"  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 5/19/1974  
 "Sports, Recreation Help Blind 'See' Brighter Future"  
 (DM Tribune) 7/2/1975  
 "Adventure on the Cedar River as a Blind Iowan Learns to Ski"  
 (DM Sunday Register Picture) 6/7/1964  
 "Fun on the River for Blind Group" (Waterloo Sunday Courier)  
 5/3/1964  
 "Blind experience water skiing thrill" (Charles City Press)  
 6/23/1967  
 "Icy Plunge" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 5/4/1964  
 "Bold program helps blind to ski" (DM Sunday Register)  
 2/15/1976  
 "They See Target with Ears" article about Wood chopping  
 (DM Tribune) 1/8/1965  
 "New Horizons for Blind" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 7/10/1966  
 "Blind Students, Parents Like Home Trips"  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 10/3/1971

- "History in their Fingers" March 1962
- "Bowlers are blind to competition" (Waterloo Courier)  
12/30/1984
- "Blind students get a feel for the farm" (Omaha World Herald)  
7/3/1985
- "Lake Ponderosa" (Montezuma Republican) 7/4/1985
- "Sounds of Easter" (DM Register) 3/30/1986

Folder 29: Travel/Mobility Training/Publicity

- Folder contains letters and periodicals and pictures that discuss and publicize mobility training. Dates range 1926-1986.
- Letters about mobility training 1926-1955
- "Imagine Yourself Unable to See Cars!" (DM Tribune)  
6/20/1960
- "On Sunny, Warm Days Walks in Traffic Buoy Up the Blind"  
(DM Tribune) 6/21/1960
- "Finding the way on a map of sounds" (DM Register)  
12/13/1986
- "Learning the route" – travel photo
- "New Directions in Orienteering" (Washington Post) 10/9/1984
- "Taking One Step at a Time" (Des Moines Skywalker)  
2/20/1985

Folder 30: College Student Services & Publicity

- This folder contains letters asking for help in attending college from the Commission, and news articles about blind students attending college. Dates range 1941-1987.
- Letter to Commission – helping a blind student attend college  
12/20/1941
- Letter from Mrs. Ethel Holmes to Iowa State Teachers College  
6/16/1954
- "Two Blind Students at Cornell" - Connie David, Jo Taliaferro  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 1/13/1971
- "Dancing unique among college radio format" (Cliff News)  
1/23/1987
- Northeast Missouri State University paper  
– Story and picture of blind Chemistry student
- "Blind Ft. Madison student is college valedictorian"  
(Burlington Hawkeye) 5/24/1985
- "Blind, but he finishes at the top of his class"

(Ft. Madison Daily Democrat) 5/24/1985  
 "Blind student to graduate at top of class" (DM Register)  
 5/24/1985  
 Letter from John Taylor – college/vocational school students  
 8/8/1977

Folder 31: Educating Blind Children in Public Schools

Contains news-clippings discussing topics: deaf-blind children, education of blind children in Iowa, and teaching blind students in public schools. Dates range 1952-1971.

"Deaf-Blind Children's Names Needed"  
 (Herald Register, Grinnell) 10/8/1970  
 "Communication is Stressed in Training Deaf-Blind Youth"  
 (Albuquerque Journal) 5/2/1971  
 "Each Small Step is Victory in World of Blind-Deaf Girls"  
 (Shenandoah Evening Sentinel) 6/9/1970  
 "What is America Doing for the Children Born Deaf and Blind"  
 "Seek Way to Aid Deaf, Blind Girl" (DM Tribune) 10/10/1967  
 "Want Blind Children in Schools Here" (DM Register) 2/13/1963  
 "Want Local School Help for the Blind" (DM Register) 2/24/1963  
 "Discussion on Teaching Blind" (DM Sunday Register)  
 4/21/1963  
 "Blind Pupils Will Attend City Schools"  
 "Education-Blind Problem Cited"  
 "State Has More Blind Children" (Lamoni Chronicle) 6/3/1952  
 "Little Things Mean A Lot" (Waterloo Courier) 7/26/1970  
 "Start Blind Pupil Plan Here in Fall" (DM Sunday Register)  
 5/4/1963  
 "Will Report on Teaching Blind" (DM Tribune) 1/3/1963  
 "Educating Blind Problem Cited" (DM Tribune) 1/3/1963  
 "Helping the Sightless Get and Education"  
 "Blind Pupils Will Attend City Schools"  
 "Want Local School Help for the Blind"  
 "Hunt Qualified Teacher for Handicapped Pupils"  
 (Sioux City Journal) 11/14/1962  
 "Looking good" – Julie McCrary  
 Guide for parents and educators to life/work planning for  
 blind/visually impaired students.

Folder 32: Learning about Blindness in Public School

Folder contains periodicals about public school children learning about blindness and the Commission/Center. Dates range 1973-1974.

“Students in Bridgeway Project Probe into Blind World”  
(Waterloo Sunday Courier) 1/21/1973

“Toledo Primary Students Learn From the Blind”  
(Toledo Chronicle) 4/24/1974

“Primary Children Learn About the Blind” (Tama News-Herald)  
4/25/1974

“Iowa Commission for the Blind visits OCS students last week”

“D.E. Kids Learn About Blindness” (Ankeny Press-Citizen)  
10/29/1985

### Folder 33: Cafeteria News and Publicity 1950-1975

This folder contains papers pertaining to controversy, praise, and general news surrounding cafeterias operated by the Commission for the Blind, or individuals associated with the Commission. Issues present include: remodeling, vending laws/regulations, petitions concerning the Commission. Dates range 1950-1975.

“Snack Bar Short, Too” 7/31/1973

“Rule Blind Units are permit-Free” (DM Register) 7/21/1973

“Blind Finish Remodeling of the County Courthouse”  
(Appetizer Advertisers) July 1973

“Remodel Courthouse Cafeteria Run by Blind” (DM Tribune)  
5/31/1973

“Cafeteria Asked to Ban Cans” (DM Tribune) 5/19/1973

“Fire Code Violation at Cafeteria” (DM Register) 1/17/1973

“Statehouse Food Service Improvement Recommended”  
(Iowa City Press Citizen) 7/24/1974

“Cafeteria Probe Opens on a ‘Stale’ Note” (DM Tribune)  
6/25/1974

“Inflation Wins Race Down Cafeteria Line”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 1/28/1975

“A \$5 Valentine” (DM Register) 2/16/1976

“Name-Calling” (DM Register) 3/2/1976

“How to get your road surfaced” (DM Register) 3/8/1976

### Archive Box 3:



This box mainly contains publicity related to the Iowa Department for the Blind and national blindness issues. Materials of note are miscellaneous historical photographs. Dates include 1950-1979, and undated.

Folder 1: Publicity Miscellaneous – no specific dates

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, but the articles are undated. Some of the articles are listed below.

“Bryson conjures another’s memories” – picture of old YMCA

“Blind Students ‘See’ Rocket”

“Braille Trail in the Woods” (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania)

“Pick on those who can see next time” (Council Bluffs)

“Man Offers Guiding Hand, Then Attacks Blind Woman”

“Charge 2 Blind Men in Theft” (Chicago, Illinois)

“Fireworks Blast in Car; One Youth Loses Eye”

“Try to Save Boy’s Sight: After Dart Goes Astray”

“2 Mishaps: Same Spot, And Engine”

“She teaches the blind to focus on self-esteem”

“York helps others to help themselves”

“Tools For Blind Students: Customized computer gear is better – and cheaper – than ever”

“Some blind people able to sense light”

“The Iowa Department for the Blind is asking for bids for the following items”

“Des Moines man receives guide dog”

Folder 2: Publicity 1950 - 1953

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, with dates ranging from 1950-1953. Some of the articles are listed below.

“Wadena Man Overcomes Handicap of Blindness”

(Waterloo Courier) 7/19/1953

“Boy, 2, Watches Out for His Blind Parents”

(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 4/19/1953

“Braille Labeled, Recipes and a Sensitive Nose Guide Blind Housewife in Cooking Her Meals” (DM Tribune)

3/30/1953

“Blind But Independent” (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 4/16/1950

“The Perfect Blind Man” (Collier’s) 4/15/1950

“Hears New Sounds Now: She’s Blind” 2/6/1953

Folder 3: Publicity 1958-1962

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, with dates ranging from 1958-1962. Some of the articles are listed below.

- “Blindness Doesn’t Slow Down 9-year Old Jim”  
(DM Sunday Register Picture) 12/23/1962
- “An Active Life in Wheel Chair” (Malcolm Mayor) March 1962
- “Flower Lady Yields Home to Progress” (DM Register)  
8/13/1961
- “Volunteers Aid Blind Children” (DM Tribune) 7/19/1961
- “Seeing Eye Wife Writes about her Experiences in that Role”  
Feb. 1960
- “He Will Never See the Beauty of His Garden” (DM Tribune)  
6/14/1958

Folder 4: Publicity 1963-1964

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, with dates ranging from 1963-1964. Some of the articles are listed below.

- “Blindness is a nuisance – not a handicap”  
(Reprinted from Wallace’s Farmer, 3/7/1964)

Folder 5: Publicity 1965-1969

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, with dates ranging from 1965-1969. Some of the articles are listed below.

- “Puts Price at \$4,500 for Sight” (DM Register) 3/9/1965
- “Sight Inconvenience” (DM Register) 3/9/1965
- “All the Sight I Need” (Guideposts) Nov. 1966
- “The John Wellman Story” (Performance) Oct. 1967
- “Set Car Rally for Blind” (Des Moines Tribune) – 5/22/1968
- “Richards Comes to Des Moines” (Des Moines Register)  
7/14/1969
- “Project: Rides for Blind” (Des Moines Tribune) – 5/27/1969
- “Seven Blind Men Conquer Kilimanjaro”  
(DM Register and Tribune) 2/21/1969

Folder 6: Publicity 1970

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from 1970. Some of the articles are listed below.

“20 Form Local Chapter of Iowa Blind Council”  
(Waterloo Sunday Courier) 12/20/1976

Folder 7: Publicity 1971

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from 1971. Some of the articles are listed below.

“Second Store for Marcovis” 9/5/1971

“The Dark World of Irving Margolis” (Ames Daily Tribune)  
12/27/1971

“Sightless, She Leads a Full Life” - Janvrin, Dorothy  
(Ft. Dodge Messenger) – 11/18/1971

“Ruling Soon in Iowa Woman’s Suit against FCC”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 7/13/1971

“Cards Developed by A.G.E. to Meet Identification Need”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 10/7/1971

“Spencer Man Sees World through Sightless Eyes”  
(Reporter – Spencer) 5/13/1971

Folder 8: Publicity 1972

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from 1972. Some of the articles are listed below.

“Blind Road Reporter Aids Winter Motorists”  
(Pierre Weekly Reminder, S. Dakota) 12/31/1972

“Moby’ Comes to Earlham” (The Earlham Echo) 8/17/1972

“Love in a Dark and Silent World” (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
3/19/1972

“Blind Woman, 67, Tells how She Adjusted”

Folder 9: Publicity January-April 1973

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January-April of 1973. Some of the articles are listed below.

Monte Rathbun Obituary (DM Tribune) 1/10/1973

“Society of Blind Elects” (DM Register) 4/26/1973

Folder 10: Publicity June-December 1973

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from June - December of 1973.

Folder 11: Publicity January-May 1974

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January - May of 1974.

Folder 12: Publicity June-December 1974

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from June-December of 1974. Some of the articles are listed below.

“Find skeleton in DM” (Boone News-Republican) 8/24/1974

Folder 13: Publicity January-July 1975

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January-July of 1975.

Folder 14: Publicity August-December 1975

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from August-December of 1975.

Folder 15: Publicity January-May 1976

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January - May of 1976. Some of the articles are listed below.

“Instruction Book Anger blind Adults” (DM Sunday Register)  
4/11/1976

“Legislator Privileges Queried” (DM Tribune) 3/15/1976

“Bill: 10% Raise to Iowa Heads OKd by Panel” (DM Register)  
3/12/1976

“Says Iowa Units Pay \$276,535 in Dues” (DM Tribune)  
3/8/1976

“Open Government” (DM Register) 3/7/1976

“Ray: State Agencies Have No ‘Gag Rules’” (DM Tribune)  
3/3/1976

“Bill Alters Blind Panel” (Sioux City Journal) 2/10/1976

“Iowa bill Seeks to Reorganize Blind Agency” (DM Tribune)  
2/9/1976

“Legislative Trend: Agencies Forced to Justify Budgets”  
(DM Tribune) 1/31/1976

Folder 16: Publicity June-December 1976

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from June-December of 1976.

Folder 17: Publicity January-June 1977

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January-June of 1977. Topics include: National Eye Care Association Inc.

Folder 18: Publicity July-December + undated 1977

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from July-December of 1977. Some articles are undated.

Articles include:

“Women hold convention” (Denison Bulletin) 10/13/1977

“Iowa Commission for the Blind Will Honor Federated Clubwomen” (Winthrop News) 10/20/1977

“Women to hold open house” (Denison Bulletin) 10/25/1977

Folder 19: Publicity & Misc. 1974-1978

This folder contains publicity and miscellaneous articles related to the subject of blindness, with dates ranging from 1974-1978.

Folder 20: Publicity January-June 1978

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January-June of 1978.

Folder 21: Publicity January-June 1978 (2)

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January-June of 1978. Topics include: Airline Cane Travel Rule.

Folder 22: Publicity July-December 1978

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from July-December of 1978. Some of the articles are listed below.

“New glaucoma drug is used in Des Moines” (DM Tribune)  
10/24/1978

“Long-wear contacts for cataract patients” (DM Tribune)  
10/24/1978

Folder 23: Publicity July-December 1979

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from July-December of 1979.

Folder 24: Publicity January-June 1979

This folder contains publicity related to the subject of blindness, from January-June of 1979.

Folder 25: Historical Photographs - Miscellaneous

Folder contains some miscellaneous historical photographs. Photos mainly feature sheltered workshop work and building photos.

Folder 26: History of Libraries for the Blind

Folder contains a small selection on the history of libraries for the blind. Most of the information is related directly to Iowa's library for the blind and physically handicapped, but some national information is available as well.

Folder 27: The Appetizer – Publicity Articles

Folder contains articles featured in *The Appetizer* about the Commission's involvement with food service. Dates range 1967-1972.

"Blind Restaurateur overcomes a Cafeteria's Handicaps"  
(The Appetizer Magazine) Aug. 1967

"Offers Braille Menus for Convenience of Blind" (The Appetizer)  
April, 1972

Folder 28: Iowa State Fair – Publicity and Individual Stories

Years span 1970-1975 and deal mostly with fair booths that were set up to change the public's opinion of blindness. Includes stories on blind people attending the fair.

"They 'See' Fair as Other Don't" (DM Tribune) 8/22/1975

"Blind Iowans Serve Coffee Bake Cookies at State Fair"  
(Clinton Herald) 8/22/1974

"Wallace Knows When Cup is Full" (Atlantic News-Telegraph)  
8/22/1974

"Blind Fair Booth Popular" (Fairfield Daily Ledger) 8/22/1974

"Graduation gift helped her start her career!"  
(Webster City Freeman-Journal) 8/23/1974

"Blind C.R. stock clerk pours for State Fair goers"  
(Vinton Cedar Valley Daily Times) 8/22/74

"Blind Iowans stage unusual fair exhibit"

(Keokuk Daily Gate City) 8/22/1974  
 "Unusual exhibit by blind draws fair crowds"  
 (Iowa City Press Citizen) 8/22/1974  
 "Blind Help State Fair Visitors See the Light"  
 (Cherokee Daily Times) 8/22/1974  
 "Blind Man Serves Coffee to 1974 State Fairgoers"  
 (Marshalltown Time-Republican) 8/22/74  
 "Exhibit at Fair Staffed by Blind Enthralls" (Sioux City Journal)  
 8/25/1974  
 "The Fair at her Fingertips", Debbie Caldbeck (Tribune)  
 8/24/1970

Folder 29: Vending Publicity and News 1936-1976

This folder contains papers pertaining to controversy, praise, and general news about Vending stands/machines set up by the Commission for the Blind or those associated with the Commission. Dates range 1936-1976.

Letters 1936 and 1938

Agreement between the Commission and the Operator of a Vending Stand, 10/17/55

"Blind Vendors Caught in Squeeze" (DM Tribune) 9/16/1974

Article by Marjorie Boyd (Washington Post) 1974

"Blind, Police in Candy War" (DM Sunday Register) 1/6/1974

"Vending Machine Foe Wins Round"

(Quad-City Times, Davenport-Bettendorf) 12/18/1975

"Vending Machines Anger Legislator" (DM Register) 1/3/1976

"Vending Machines That Important?" (Omaha World Herald)  
 1/19/1976

"Neighbors" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 2/7/1976

Folder 30: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Publicity 1970

Folder contains newspaper clippings about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vocational Rehabilitation program in 1970.

"Griswold Blind Man Cited" (News-Telegraph, Atlantic)  
 6/1/1970

"Ray Honors Handicapped" (Osceola County Tribune, Sibley)  
 6/4/1970

"Former Resident Receives Honor" (American Griswold)  
 6/3/1970

“Iowa Rehabilitation Month is proclaimed” (Chief, Perry)  
5/27/1970  
“Rehabilitation Month in June” (Sun, Sheldon) 5/25/1970  
“Grooms of Independence to be Honored by State”  
(Conservative, Independence) 5/26/1970

Folder 31: “LSD Stories” – Dr. Norman Yoder, Publicity 1968

This folder contains periodicals about the fictional case of 6 Pennsylvania State students being blinded after allegedly taking LSD and staring at the sun for too long. Dr. Norman Yoder (Pennsylvania Commissioner of the Blind) fabricated the story, but before that was proven it created a lot of publicity. Articles all dated 1968.

“Report of 6 Penna. LSD Blindings is clouded by Mystery, Skepticism” (Evening Bulletin) 1/17/1968  
“Text of Statement on Hoax” (Evening Bulletin) 1/18/1968  
“Yoder Blinded by Ball Bat in his Youth” (Evening Bulletin) 1/18/1968  
“President Sees Edinboro Hurt by Phony Tale” (Evening Bulletin) 1/18/1968  
“Yoder’s Wife Helped in Hoax, State Aide Says” (Evening Bulletin) 1/23/1968  
“Little Lie Snowballed into LSD Hoax, Deceived Governor, Ruined a Career” (Evening Bulletin) 1/19/1968

**Archive Box 4:**

This box contains materials related to the Iowa Department for the Blind’s building history, services provided by IDB, various papers and speeches related to IDB and NFB, and controversy surrounding Kenneth Jernigan. Dates include 1950s-1990s, and undated.

Folder 1: Designating Space for Commission (pre-YMCA)

Prior to purchasing the old YMCA building, the Iowa Commission for the Blind spent time searching for their own designated space, rather than sharing an office building under an umbrella agency. This folder contains letters and documents that discuss the search for space specifically for the Iowa Commission’s use.

Folder 2: Obtaining/Purchasing Building for Commission \*Water Damage\*



This folder contains information on the campaign to obtain and purchase the old YMCA building for the Iowa Commission for the Blind. The general argument was that the Commission's purpose was so particular; they didn't 'fit' under any other organization. The Commission needed its own space in order to properly succeed in its mission. The documents within the two folders range from: periodicals, correspondence, memorandums, and other documents. A few of the items are listed below. Dates range from 1959-1960.

Letter and newspaper publicity on purchasing the building and plans for new Center.

Press Release: Announcing the Commission acquired the YMCA building, 11-30-1959

Memorandum - member of the Executive Council - stating the utilization/control and construction of the YMCA building has been halted by the Secretary for the Executive Council.

Kenneth Jernigan wrote to resolve the issue and explain that it needs to be resolved soon if the Commission has any hope of being successful.

Placing Commission under Civil Service control, 2/12/1959

Director's duties/abilities

Budget issues, 1958

Space Utilization and Program Plans for the Orientation Center for the Blind, 4/14/1960

Estimated costs of remodeling YMCA building 4/1/1960

Bid proposal request for contractors, 5/31/1960

Setting up a regional library, January 1960

Order change sheet – 1960s

\*water damaged and two sheets are stuck together\*

### Folder 3: Obtaining/Purchasing Building for Commission (2)

This folder contains additional information on the campaign to obtain and purchase the old YMCA building for the Iowa Commission for the Blind. This folder mainly contains correspondence, contracts, and memorandums or office notes. A few of the items are listed below. Dates range 1959-1960.

#### WATER DAMAGED

Budget Estimations and Changes

Director's report to Commission concerning est. of Orientation Center, June 1960

## Excerpt from Commission Meeting Minutes, 7/25/1960

Folder 4: Building History/ YMCA

Folder contains information on the history of the Commission/Department's building, and also some information on the old YMCA (sources are not cited). Contains an article on the Dubuque post-office, built by same architects who built the YMCA building.

Paper on the history

YMCA building information

Significance of post-office building in Dubuque, IA

"A Century of Iowa Architecture: 50 Most Significant Iowa Buildings of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" (<http://www.iptv.org/iowastories>)  
4/1/2005

Switchboard note cards

YMCA un-used receipts

Building plans for outside of building

Folder 5: Historical Preservation

Folder contains information on historical preservation related to the Department's building. The information was kept together in this folder (versus placing it in the building history folder) because it was clipped together, and appeared to have been submitted, or considered for submission, for a proposal or grant perhaps. Paperwork ranges from information on the old YMCA (souvenir packets) to inventories of the site.

Memorandum from Jim Burns (1984): research on IDB building

Packet of information and pictures on history of YMCA building

Inventory of historical site significance of the YMCA building

Paperwork for Registering on National Register of Historic Places

Brief history of East High School (Des Moines, IA)

Hand-written note from Mary Homeier – not very legible...

Microfilm photocopy of old YMCA building

(DM Register and Leader) 4/16/1912

"YMCA Problem..." by John Zug

"100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Historic 'Y' Occasion" 4/15/1969

"Historic Declaration sought for fair site" (DM Register) 2/4/1983

Descriptive Souvenir of the Home of the YMCA of Des Moines

Folder 6: Building Photographs

Folder contains photos of the inside and outside of the building. Different decades are represented. Some photos are labeled and others aren't, so proper identification can be difficult but a rough estimate can be made based on decorations and cars.

Folder 7: Remodeling Information

Folder contains remodeling information. Renovations on the building have occurred several times over the years that the Commission/Department has been in residence. Folder contains a few building plans, a paper laying out the general remodeling timeline, and before and after remodeling photos.

Construction on building 1960s

Small blue-prints of the building – years unknown

Before and After Remodeling Photos

Paper on general remodeling of the building

Folder 8: Building Information – Past and General

Folder contains some miscellaneous information on the building, such as structure, facilities evaluations, land encroachment issues, and engineering surveys and questionnaires. Dates are not specified, but date approximately from 1970-1980s.

Facilities Evaluation: Sate of Iowa Commission for the Blind, by Donohue, 1984

Copies of Existing 3<sup>rd</sup> floor plan – stair exits are circled

Iowa Department for the Blind Plan for Evacuation in Case of Fire

Record of State Lands in Polk County

–YMCA selling land to IA Commission for Blind

Note regarding land encroachment – alley was city-owned

Letter written by John Taylor (Director)

- regarding land encroachment issues, 1979

Letter written by Kenneth Jernigan to KEO Corp., regarding land encroachment, accompanied by a legal agreement between the two parties. Commission built loading dock on KEO property accidentally, 1971

Letter from Creig Slayton to Mr. Jeffrey Morgan  
(BBS Architecture)

State of Iowa Capitol Area Facility Master plan- Requirements and questionnaire  
 – Copy of original and answered form

Folder 9: Staff Apartments – Information & Controversy

Folder contains information on the construction of staff apartments within the Department's building. A few of the staff rotate living in the building for a certain amount of time, and therefore share maintenance and general security duties. They are to be available for emergencies that may arise with the building or with Orientation Center students living in the building. Within the folder, documents discuss re-roofing the building, replacing the power source, facilities evaluations, lists of duties for staff living in the building, and various staff apartment issues. Date 1960s-1990s.

Costs of re-roofing the commission

Business Record, Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 1991

Notes on replacing power with electrical circuits, and putting in new windows.

Facilities Evaluation State of Iowa Commission for the Blind, 1984

Survey Form

Audit Form/Questionnaire, 1980

List of duties/rules for staff living in the building

Staff apartment issues - 1961

Folder 10: Home Industries and Teachers

This folder includes letters between the Commission and various individuals, which discuss Home Industries (hemming towels and mats as employment –women from around the state hemmed for around 10 cents a towel). They also discuss Home Teachers – seem to be an early version of the Independent Learning teachers of today. Additional items include order sheets for outside agencies to place orders with the Commission's Home Industries, and also for Home Industries to order their materials. Included are catalogs ranging from FY1975-1984. Part of this sub-collection is from the office of Diane Weinman. Letters date 1927-1950.

Paperwork (letters/ order forms/printing invoices), 1978-1984

Photos and a brief essay –from Iowa Commission for the

Blind's 1952 Annual Report  
 Home Industries – order sheets  
 Home Industries Catalogs: 1975-76, 1979-1986

Folder 11: Staff Information:

Folder contains information on Department staff. Some of the documents include: emails, resumes, obituaries, letters, and periodicals.

Irene Gogerty – funeral obituary

Email from Sandy Tigges to Mike Hicklin  
 – New Staff Seminar, 2006

Short resume for Mike Hicklin - Maintenance staff

Margaret A. Meyer Obituary (secretary for IDB) 3/21/2010

Gare E. Greve Obituary (Register's Iowa News Service)

"Bob Rucker: going the extra mile" (The Gazette) 10/24/1990

Letter about applicant for secretarial position – 12/22/1961

Folder 12: Legal Cases/Complaints against Commission/Department

Folder contains information on different legal cases and complaints made against the Commission/Department.

Documents include: letters, and what appear to be court documents (request for appeal).

- Request from State Appeal Board concerning the "Dillon" sandwich issue with a Cafeteria; Mr. Dillon wants to claim damages from the naming of the sandwich claiming his career and personal life suffered from it...1980-1981

- Letter to Tony Cobb (Deputy Director for Iowa Commission for the Blind) from Special Assistant Attorney General John Scott: asking for a response to the Appeal along with any pertinent information that may discredit or uphold the claims made.

- Letter to John Scott from Tony Cobb: a response to the claims made by David Dillon.

Folder 13: Papers & Speeches – various authors

Folder contains papers and speeches written and given by various authors (Jernigan, Wilson, Urena, tenBroek, Rottman). It is unclear whether the papers were published, but most of the speeches state where the address was given and to whom. The topics covered include (but not limited to): attitudes toward blindness, public and private issues, focusing on the future and

moving forward, rehabilitation centers, and learning alternative techniques. Dates range from 1969-1981.

Paper - "Future Imperative: The Challenge to Education"

– Kenneth Jernigan

Paper - "Blindness: A Left-Handed Dissertation"

– Kenneth Jernigan

Paper - "Jargon and Research: Twin Idols in Work with the Blind" – Kenneth Jernigan

Paper - "Blindness: The Myth and the Image"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1970s

Paper - "Blindness: Milestones and Millstones"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1968

Paper - "To Man the Barricades" – Kenneth Jernigan, 1970s

Paper - "Blindness: New Insights on Old Outlooks"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1969

Paper - "Blindness: The New Generation"

– Kenneth Jernigan

Paper - "Blindness: Discrimination, Hostility, and Progress"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1978

Paper - "Blindness: Concepts and Misconceptions," 1978

Paper - "Blindness: Handicap or Characteristic"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1978

Paper - "A Definition of Blindness" – Kenneth Jernigan

Paper - "Disability and Visibility: Uncle Tom, Blind Tom, and Tiny Tim" – Kenneth Jernigan

Text of speech given by Louise Eads at the Fort Dodge Chapter Banquet, 10-10-1981

Speech - "Blindness: Is History against Us?"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1973

Speech - "NAC – Rationalization of Tokenism"

– Dr. Richard B. Wilson

Speech - "Blindness: Is the Public against Us?"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1975

After this folder and the next is a book of articles and speeches by Kenneth Jernigan, published 1973.

#### Folder 14: Papers & Speeches – various authors (2)

Folder contains additional papers and speeches written and given by various authors (Jernigan, Wilson, Urena, tenBroek, Rottman). Dates range from 1969-1981.

Speech - "Blindness: Is Literature against Us"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1974

Speech - "Blindness: of Visions and Vultures"

– Kenneth Jernigan, 1976

Paper on: Orientation and Adjustment Center Rehabilitation Centers for the Blind: What Are They, and What Should They Do? – Manuel Urena

Speech on the Iowa Commission for the Blind

"Some Thoughts on the Education of Blind Children"

– Robert Rottman

The Iowa Commission for the Blind Transcribers" Workshop Luncheon Address, 4-18-1980

"Cross of Blindness" –Prof. Jacobus tenBroek (president NFB) 7/6/1957

"The Blind: A Case of Mistaken Identity"

– Prof. Jacobus tenBroek, spring 1960

"Techniques of Travel with the Long Cane"

"Alternative Techniques for the Blind Typist"

"Problems Involving Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School" November 1969

"The Organized Blind Movement in Iowa: Progress, Peril, and the Future" – James Gashel, 10/29/1977

#### Folder 15: Memorandums – various topics

Folder contains memorandums regarding various topics. Dates range from approximately 1958-1960. Not all of the memorandums in the folder. Some are in other folders with related topics.

Memo – Kenneth Jernigan

– Hiring of Initial Custodial Personnel 1/8/1960

Memo– Kenneth Jernigan

– Conversation Concerning Federal Funds 1/25/1960

Memo – Kenneth Jernigan

– Utilization and Control of YMCA Building, Nov. 1959

Memo – Kenneth Jernigan

– First Blind public school teacher 1/6/1959

Memo – Jim Burns – Commission Building 1/25/1984

Memo - Kenneth Jernigan – Secretarial Service 5/6/1958

Memo - Kenneth Jernigan – Carbon Copies of staff letters 6/5/1958

Memo - Kenneth Jernigan – public relations program 6/5/1958  
 Memo - Kenneth Jernigan – carbon copies of letters 5/1/1958  
 Memo - Kenneth Jernigan – Commission staff meeting  
 6/19/1960  
 Memo - Kenneth Jernigan – Reports 4/24/1958  
 Memo - Kenneth Jernigan – Agency Policies and procedures  
 Regulations Governing All Staff – 10/22/1958

Folder 16: Commission Program Evaluations 1974-1980

Folder contains program evaluation reports. Some appear to be drafts and some are final reports. Dates range from 1974-1980.  
 Program Evaluation Report #1 – FY 1974  
 Program Evaluation Report #2 FY 1975  
 Program Evaluation Report #4 – FY 1977  
 Program Review – Final Report – 1980

Folder 17: Kenneth Jernigan Controversy

This folder contains some letters and correspondence, but mostly photocopies of newspaper articles concerning controversy surrounding Kenneth Jernigan. While acting as Director of the Iowa Commission for the Blind, Jernigan was also President of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB). Jernigan was accused of favoring his NFB duties over agency issues, and of misusing his position in Iowa to further the goals of the NFB. Most of the newspaper clippings are from 1976-1978.

“The Bizarre World of the Des Moines Register: Malicious and Reckless Disregard of the Truth” (Braille Monitor) February 1980  
 Bumper Sticker – Truth, Yes! / Des Moines Register, No!

Folder 18: Dr. Jernigan’s Resignation from Director IDB – correspondence

Folder 19: NFB-Commission Involvement 1952-1978

This folder contains letters and miscellaneous items involving NFB and the Iowa Commission’s interaction (including disagreements) with each other. Dates range 1952-1978.  
 Newspaper clippings about controversy, 1978  
 John N. Taylor Resume  
 Letter from Commission staff members addressing media



accusations – signed 3/3/1978  
 Field Op. Gazette 'snippet' 3/15/1978  
 Letter from Ed Sheppard to Gov. Ray, 3/5/1978  
 Letters 1952, 1959, 1977  
 "A New Militancy by U.S. Blind"  
 NFB Brochure  
 NFB Annual Report, 1984  
 NFB Presidential Report, 7/2/1985  
 "Blindness: The Pattern of Freedom"  
 – NFB Annual Convention by Kenneth Jernigan 7/4/1985

Folder 20: Commission Board

Folder contains letters and periodicals about the Iowa  
 Commission for the Blind's Board. Most focus on proposals to  
 add or appoint new members. Dates range 1941-1963.  
 Letter discussing adding board members, February 1941  
 "Bill on Blind Commission Passes House" (Vinton) 1963  
 "4 Named to State Blind Unit" (DM Tribune) 5/14/1963  
 "Seek Change in Control of Unit on Blind" (DM Register)  
 3/12/1963

Folder 21: Commission – Beginning/Formation and Publicity

Folder contains letters and periodicals about the founding of the  
 Iowa Commission for the Blind. This includes comments about  
 public awareness and the need for a unified commission in  
 Iowa. Includes articles publicizing the Commission and its  
 goals. Dates range 1926-1972.  
 Letter to Mr. R.A. McGowan 4/3/1926  
 – beginning of the commission  
 "Twilight to Dawn" – by A. Lee Engel – public awareness  
 Letter, 1937 – proposing need for state-wide commission  
 Infosite Plan Called Illegal (Des Moines Register) – 12/28/1972  
 "Unit Votes to Revise State Civil Service" (DM Register)  
 3/28/1969  
 "Blind Commission goal is Outlined", article on budget in  
 (Davenport) 3/12/1963  
 "Firemen climb 6 Floors, Find Men Frying Steaks"  
 (DM Register) 10/26/1963  
 "You Fellows Must Be Blind; No Fire Here"  
 (Waterloo Sunday) 10/27/1963

"Governor Meets Clinton Girl" (Herald, Clinton) 10/18/1963  
 "Hints at state jobs for blind" (Globe-Gazette, Mason City)  
 10/17/1963  
 "Governor Visits Blind" (Journal, Muscatine) 10/17/1963  
 "Hughes Gets First Hand Look at Training of Blind"  
 (Freeman-Journal, Webster City) 10/17/1963  
 "Hughes Visits Blind Persons" (Times, Davenport) 10/24/1963  
 "Open Drive for Blind"  
 "Governor Hughes shown how Iowa is rehabilitating blind"  
 (Gate City, Keokuk) 10/24/1963  
 "Hughes Learns How Blind Are Rehabilitated in Iowa"  
 (Press-Citizen, Iowa City) 10/17/1963  
 "Governor Tours Blind Center Here" (DM Tribune) 10/17/1963  
 "Visit to Blind Students" (Waterloo Courier) 10/17/1963  
 "Reception for Health Director" (DM Register) 4/4/1964  
 "Bus for Blind" publicity in (DM Tribune) 4/24/1965  
 "State Report Accidentally 'Plugs' Non-Iowa Whisky"  
 (DM Register) 10/24/1966  
 "New Commission Film receives High National Awards"  
 (White Cane Update) 5/24/1985  
 "Commission plans to study zoning rules" (DM Register)  
 6/21/1985

Folder 22: Budget Information/Criticism for Commission & State

Folder contains letters and periodicals that discuss the Commission's budget (propositions, questions, and controversy). Dates range 1947-1969.

Letter from Commission to Mr. Vinton Arnold 2/5/1947  
 "State Budget presentations" (DM Tribune) 11/29/1962  
 "Sees No Sense in Pay Actions" (DM Register) 4/26/1969  
 "Cut pay Raise for Jernigan" (DM Register) 4/8/1969  
 "Ray Urges Pay Increases of \$4,000 for Four Officials"  
 (DM Tribune) 1/30/1969  
 "Hit \$64,000 in Iowa Pay Rises" (DM Register) 1/31/1969  
 "Iowa House Approves Cut in Revenue Director's Pay"  
 (DM Register) 4/11/1969  
 "Legislators Seek Tougher Charity Law" (DM Register)  
 3/12/1978  
 Letter from Senator Willits to Mr. & Mrs. Balderston  
 – concerning Commission's funds, 2/16/1978

Letter from Kenneth Jernigan to Mr. Arthur Claus  
– Budget, 10/31/1977

Various receipts/invoices from 1977

“\$10 million lawsuit filed by eye firm” (DM Register) 11/14/1977

#### Folder 23: Department Services

Folder contains a variety of documents related to the services offered by the Iowa Commission, now Department, over the years. Dates range 1940s-1990s.

Definitions for Services

Iowa Department for the Blind - Inventory of Services

“The Integration of Services and client Success...”

“How to treat mail for blind and handicapped” (the postal pulse)  
June 1990

1997 Client Needs Assessment Survey

Equipment Receipt - February 1960s

Training Equipment - Letter 1943

#### Folder 24: Transcribers

Folder contains periodicals, photographs, and award certificates pertaining to Braille transcribers, volunteer workshops, and the various achievements of transcribers over the years. Dates range 1964-1980s.

“Mrs. Garner Attends Class” (Osceola Sentinel) 4/25/1974

“Accomplishments of Blind Impressive to Volunteer”  
(Times-Republican, Marshalltown) 4/24/1974

“Set Workshop for Volunteers to Aid Blind” (DM Tribune)  
4/6/1974

“Set Braille Aide Workshop Here” (DM Tribune) 3/27/1973

“Workshop on Braille Slated” (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
4/21/1971

“Shortage in help for blind” (Dubuque) 4/19/1971

“Workshop Set for Blind Aides” April 1969

“Volunteers Will Attend Workshop to Assist Blind”  
(Sioux City News)

“Volunteer Workshop for Iowa Commission of the Blind”  
(Highland Park News) 3/28/1968

“Volunteer transcribers workshop is April 15” (Denison Bulletin)  
4/14/1966

“Sees Public Confusion Over Blind” (DM Tribune) 5/15/1966

“Want to Help Someone Who’s Blind?” (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
 4/6/1965  
 “Set Braille Workshop” (DM Tribune) 9/30/1964  
 “Iowa Commission for Blind Plans 2-Day Workshop”  
 (Newton Daily News) 3/16/1964  
 Photos of Genese Haugen and other featured Braille  
 transcribers, 1970s-1980s  
 “Transcribing Braille: She spends her life helping other read”  
 (Ft. Dodge Messenger) 2002  
 “Disabilities act increases demand for Braille”  
 (Ft. Dodge Messenger) 5/10/1992  
 “Search for worthwhile challenge leads Genese Haugen to work  
 with Braille” (Ft. Dodge Messenger) 6/29/1985  
 “Ham radio hobby leads to Braille” (Ft. Dodge Messenger)  
 11/15/1973  
 Certificates awarded to Genese Haugen – transcriber  
 “I Heard There Was a Need...” (DM Tribune) 11/24/1962  
 “They Bring New Worlds to the Sightless”  
 (DM Sunday Register) 3/25/1962

Folder 25: Library Services: Letters and Publicity

This folder contains letters that discuss blind transcribers, the services the Commission’s library provides, as well as how the process works. It also contains news articles that highlight the services of the library, volunteers and transcribers. Dates range 1937-1963.

Jernigan’s letter to Gov. Robert Ray on opening a regional  
 library 1/8/1960  
 “Can’t See, but he Reads Proof” – Leroy Stadtlander  
 (The Hawk-Eye, Burlington) March 1962  
 “They ‘Read’ With Their Ears” (DM Tribune) 2/27/1963  
 “Record Players are Eyes for Ottumwa Area Blind”  
 “Anniversary for Phone Pioneers” (DM Tribune) 9/8/1972  
 “Phone ‘Pioneers’ to Aid the Blind”  
 “Test 3-Speed ‘Disc Books’” (DM Tribune) 3/30/1966  
 “They’re Tapping Talents of Retirees” (DM Sunday Register)  
 5/30/1971  
 “Phone Pioneers to Assist Blind” 9/28/1961  
 “How Phone Employees Help Blind” (DM Sunday Register)  
 2/16/1964

“The world is sometime a record player”  
 (Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. magazine)  
 “Telephone Pioneers to hear Jim Glaza” (Waterloo Courier)  
 10/8/1970  
 “Study Determines Type Size for Visually Handicapped”  
 (Performance) April 1966  
 “Gregory turns to her fingers to help blind” (The Nonpareil)  
 3/4/1984  
 “Talking books for blind, disabled are available”  
 (Denison Review) 3/16/1985  
 Letter – Celebrating 5 Millionth Book being circulated

### **Archive Box 5:**

This box contains materials related to publicity for the Iowa Commission/Department for the Blind, articles on blindness-related issues, federal statistical information, and publications of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. Materials of note include a book on physical education for the blind, dated 1915 and in American Braille. Dates include 1915 – Present, and undated.

#### **Folder 1: Business and Industry Magazine Articles Jan. & Feb. 1976**

“Attacking a Left-handed Problem in a Right-handed World”  
 (Iowa Business and Industry) Jan. 1976  
 “Blind People Compete Successfully in professional and  
 Technical Fields” (Iowa Business and Industry) Feb. 1976

#### **Folder 2: United Press International (UPI) October 1962**

“Iowa Commission for Blind Teachers: New Philosophy of  
 Blindness” (DM UPI) Oct. 1962  
 “Rehabilitation Center for the Blind Helps to Put Iowa Close to  
 the Top” (DM UPI) Oct. 1962  
 “Public Library for the Blind Busiest Library in the State”  
 (DM UPI) Oct. 1962

#### **Folder 3: Publicity January-June 1980**

#### **Folder 4: Publicity July-December 1980**

#### **Folder 5: Publicity January-July 1981**

#### **Folder 6: Publicity July-December 1981**

Folder 7: Publicity 1982

- “State Group Attacking Problems of the Blind”  
(Waterloo Courier) 6/6/1982
- “Fight by blind moves into courtroom” (DM Tribune) 4/26/1982
- “Nemmers supporters testify” (DM Tribune) 4/27/1982
- “Blind units to give final arguments” (DM Tribune) 4/28/1982
- “Selection of sighted chief from blind unit draws fire”  
(DM Register) 10/16/1982
- “Blind unit director calm about criticism”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 12/8/1982
- “Blind panel mulls whether choice biased” (DM Register)  
12/5/1982
- “Blind bickering” (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 11/8/1982
- “Blindness Doesn’t Stop Local Winter Resident”  
(San Benito News) 12/26/1982
- “Blind Commission violated meeting law, judge rules”  
(DM Register) 12/14/1982
- “Blind agency dynes appeal” (DM Register) 12/10/1982
- “Huron man guides blind skiers” (Daily Plainsman, Huron, SD)  
1/31/1982

Folder 8: Publicity 1983-1984

- “Mindy Chats with Santa Saturday” (Scranton Journal)  
12/20/1984 – photo
- “She’s going blind—and still learning” (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
12/7/1983
- “3,015 staff visits made to home health care recipients”  
(Spirit Lake Beacon) 11/29/1984
- “Bonnie Tibbetts leaving courthouse culinary post”  
(Waterloo Courier) 10/3/1983
- “Gentry resigns blind panel post” (DM Sunday Register)  
10/2/1983
- “A good feel for our state” (DM Register) 8/2/1983
- “We call him blind” (DM Register) 11/30/1983
- “Branstad appoints 9 Iowans to state boards, commissions”  
(DM Register) 11/16/1983
- “Blind operators use talking computers”  
(Huron Daily Plainsman) 10/11/1983
- “Transcriber school to aid blind offered” (DM Register)

4/14/1984

"Des Moines' Walter Mitty of the podium" (DM Register)

8/31/1984

"Chief of blind agency finds waters calm after initial storm of protest" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 4/18/1984

"Blind commission's stormy past keeps applicants away" (The Gazette) 10/23/1983

Folder 9: Publicity 1985-1989

"On Main Street" (The Holstein Advance) 3/19/1987

"Elderly tenant told to repay rental rebates" 3/11/1987

"Disabled-student ruling upheld" (DM Register) 3/24/1987

"The impact of terrorism" 4/22/1986

"Court upholds Iowa school's handicap plan" (DM Register) 7/29/1986

"Three held in man's death" (DM Register) 8/8/1986

"Robbins joins commission" (Dubuque Telegraph-Herald) 9/16/1987

"Agencies serving the blind unite" (Fort Dodge Messenger) 6/6/1987

"Skiing blind is no handicap for Pat McLuen" (North High Oracle) 3/14/1986

"Shelley Calls Herself One of the Great Mysteries" (Humboldt) 12/27/1985

"Midwest Briefs" (DM Register) 9/7/1986

"Though his eyesight has failed, John Wesselink is recovering his vision for the future"

"She Can Now Travel Downtown on Her 'Jitney'" (Humboldt) 11/6/1986

"A special meal" (DM Register) 11/27/1986

"fyi: Iowa products" (DM Register) 11/30/1986

"Losing sight, loving life" (Iowa City Press-Citizen) 12/22/1986

AER (Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired) Flyer

"Leo Gallagher" Jan. 1985

"Oren D. Brizedine obituary" (DM Register) 1/7/1985

"Boone man heads national federation" (DM Register) 7/24/1986

"State reform bill: Winners and losers" (DM Register) 3/2/1986

"Leadership Iowa members named" (DM Register) 8/29/1985

- “Senate votes to recommission blind agency” (DM Register)  
4/30/1987
- “Stevens, Ditsworth Honored March 7 in Essay Contest”  
(Urbandale News) 3/16/1989

Folder 10: Publicity 1990s

- Article on Gary Smith – Orientation Center student 2/10/1992 to  
6/11/1992
- “Age-Related Macular Degeneration: Status of Research”  
(National Eye Institute) 1997
- “A Clear Vision” (DM Sunday Register) 11/1/1998
- “Advocated for blind dies at 71” (DM Register) 10/14/1998
- “30<sup>th</sup> and Forest” (DM Register) 2/14/1996
- “Weigel’s calling: Seeing sounds that find birds”  
(DM Sunday Register) 12/28/1997
- “Stepping into the Dark” (Quad-City Times) 10/18/1996
- “Blindness a mere nuisance” (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
10/28/1998
- “Insight in a sight-impaired world” (Standard-Examiner)  
1/3/1993
- “Bob Rucker; going the extra mile” (The Gazette) 10/24/1990
- “Woman sues Yellow Cab, claiming discrimination”  
(DM Register) 8/7/1998
- “Accident changes Shrader’s outlook” 1994
- “Red Ribbon Speaker” 1994
- “Braille work rewarding” (Waterloo Courier) 11/5/1997
- “I could give something back” (Quad-City Times) 10/10/1995
- “Vietnamese immigrant tackling English, Braille”  
(DM Sunday Register) 2/21/1999
- “All-State band member plays the music by ear – and touch”  
(DM Register) 11/21/1992
- “He ‘sees’ songs” (DM Register) 9/10/1996
- “Bill, Donna say it with music, help” (DM Register) 11/4/1992
- “Two artists may be blind, but they don’t lack vision”  
(DM Register) 2/20/1991
- “Business and Floyd are both slowing down”  
(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 10/24/1990
- “Lunch at the top” (DM Register) 8/6/1998
- “Blind faith” (DM Register) 8/15/1994
- “Volunteer opens world to the blind” (Dayton Daily News)



3/11/1992

“Linn to replace agency for blind as food vendor”

(Cedar Rapids Gazette) 10/28/1998

“Norwest offers Braille credit cards” (DM Register) 4/20/1993

“When these amputees play golf, ‘handicap’ is a laugh”

(DM Register) 6/1/1993

“Persistence pays off for blind disc jockey” (Telegraph Herald)

7/18/1994

“Governor’s Volunteer Award” (Daily Gate City) August 1994

“Rambo, the choir dog” (Daily Gate City)

“Disabilities don’t have to mean loss of ability” (The Perry Chief)

9/28/1995

“The coach, who’s blind, sees it all” (DM Sunday Register)

6/6/1999

“For those who can’t she reads, and shares her love for learning”

“Snow blankets city” (DM Register) 12/7/1994

“Pair on mend after hit-and-run” (DM Register) 12/8/1994

“Blindness can’t stop Dolinsek from seeing bright future”

(DM Register) 6/7/1995

“A hands-on tour of Smithsonian” (The Kansas City Star)

4/25/1996

“Mitchellville youth assist blind visitors to “see,” sing” (Hawkeye)

July-August 1994

“Setting new sights” (Waterloo Courier) 1/12/1992

“Pick up and deliver” (Waterloo Courier) 10/15/1995

“Accountability” (Waterloo Courier) 4/14/1994

“Scrapbook” (Muscatine) 8/8/1994

“Stories disclose discrimination” (DM Register) 2/13/1990

“Diversity program on hold” (DM Register) 10/8/1994

“Overcoming Impossibility” (Waterloo Courier) 5/5/1996

“He’s like any hunter – almost” (DM Register) 2/9/1997

“Surviving in shadow of real estate giants” (DM Register)

8/9/1995

“Disabilities act increases demand for Braille” (FD Messenger)

5/10/1992

“Wellman: For the Defense” (DM Sunday Register) 6/15/1997

“Iowa Lions Eye Bank Celebrates 40 Years” 4/16/1995

“Iowan Farms Despite Disability” (World-Herald)

“After decades on farm, he’s learning the ropes”

(DM Sunday Register) 12/22/1996  
 "Helping Ann see the world" (DM Register)  
 "Phone company retirees help those with disabilities"  
 (DM Register) 10/6/1999  
 "Iowan alters test-giving" (DM Register) 9/30/1999  
 "Spreading the word" (The Gazette) 11/29/1999  
 "The sightless meet the challenge" (DM Register) 11/21/1999  
 "Misguided Sympathy" (Cityview) 11/10/1999

Folder 11: Publicity 2000-2010

"Radio service reads newspapers to blind" (DM Register)  
 4/01/2002  
 "Lack of sight does not stop Drake philosopher"  
 (South DM Press Citizen) 6/2/2004  
 "Like a kid again" (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 12/24/2009  
 "DM men honored for helping blind" (DM Register) 5/12/2009  
 "Students make poems come to life" (DM Register) 2009  
 "Linn group gets digital talking books" (Cedar Rapids Gazette)  
 5/26/2009  
 "Tactile art display for blind furnishes shape, feeling"  
 (DM Register) 7/11/2009  
 "Second grade field trip" (The Adair News) 5/27/2010  
 "Blindness doesn't put an end to you life"  
 (Cedar Rapids Gazette) 12/30/2009  
 "103 Years of history" (Denison Review) 7/3/2009  
 "A Light in the Darkness"  
 –by Linda Slayton for Woman's Day magazine, 3/3/2009  
 "Polio: Countdown to a miracle vaccine" (DM Sunday Register)  
 1/28/2007

*All Iowa Reads 2007 - Poster*

"Helpers made shopping a jolly time" (2 pieces) 2007  
 "150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Hubbell Realty Company" 2006  
 "2 Infernos hit metro" (DM Register) 12/20/2004  
 "The Iowa Lions Foundations' Rehabilitation Program"  
 (The Iowa Lion) December, 2000  
 "Hope wins out – woman offers support to blind" 2001  
 "Randomized Trial of Beta-Carotene and Macular  
 Degeneration" (National Eye Institute) 2001  
 "Study: Vitamins, zinc can slow eye ailment" (The Gazette)  
 10/12/2001

- “Success Stories: Project ASSIST” (Reconnection Times)  
spring, 2001
- “Upgrade due for ‘talking books’” (Richmond Times-Dispatch)  
5/1/2002
- “Stories! Stories! Stories! At the Border Book Festival”  
(Sun-News) 3/8/2002
- “Radio service reads newspapers to blind” (DM Register)  
4/1/2002
- “Visual art” (Gazette) 6/18/2002
- “Blind child’s tale no tragedy” (The Gazette) 6/17/2002
- “Vilsack e-mail admission sparks jokes, offers of help”  
(DM Register) 7/11/2003
- “Vilsack: I don’t know how to send an email” (DM Register)  
7/10/2003
- “Siblings break barriers of disorder” (DM Register) 2/9/2000
- “Perilous walk tragic for Zoe” (DM Register) 2/24/2000
- “Offers pour in after dog dies” (DM Register) 2/25/2000
- “Downtown readies for convention of blind and visually  
impaired” (DM Register) 6/627/2001
- “Blind want equal access, chances” (DM Sunday Register)  
7/1/2001
- “Wade Hemmelrick blind but has vision for future”  
(The Gazette) 3/11/2001
- “Inside the Eye of the Beholder”  
(University of Iowa Alumni Magazine) 2000-2001
- “CultureWORKS! Advocacy Day 2001” (VSA Arts of Iowa)  
Spring 2001
- “Local woman helps disabled meet their career goals”  
(Newton Daily News) 4/14/2001
- “Library for the blind available”
- “Dept. for the Blind Library Director talks with local vision loss  
support group” (Pocahontas Record-Democrat) 4/11/2001
- “New Radio” (Waterloo Courier) 9/5/2000
- “Gentle Rolfie, a friend to all, ends his rides too soon”  
(DM Register) 10/15/2002
- “Inmates’ hands help blind lowans read” (The Hawk Eye)  
4/6/2000
- “Road signals for blind prompt safety concerns” (DM Register)  
11/12/2001
- “An explosion in Iran sets woman on path of courage, hope”

(DM Register) 8/23/2000  
 "Agency for blind gets new director" (DM Register) 8/29/2001  
 "Department for the Blind develops trust" (DM Register)  
 4/13/2000  
 "Agency for blind turns 75" (DM Register) 4/12/2000  
 "Steps slow on access" (DM Register) 7/18/2000  
 "Man's second guide dog not up to snuff" (DM Register)  
 7/20/2000  
 "Touch and Technology" (The Gazette) 3/22/2000  
 "Iowan rejoicing in 'miracles' of vision" (The Gazette) 7/2/2000  
 "Bunny, a different kind of guide" (DM Register) 5/27/2000  
 "Housing is a dream fulfilled" (DM Register) 4/14/2000  
 "Sightless, yet fearless" (DM Register) 6/23/2000  
 "Blind Iowan hits the right note" (DM Register) 6/10/2000  
 "Alvord native authors books despite loss of sight"  
 (Sioux City Journal) 7/31/2002  
 "High tech opens computer world to the disabled"  
 (DM Register) 10/29/2002  
 "Annabelle's world" (DM Register) 12/22/2002  
 "Remembering Kate" (CR Gazette) June 2003  
 "Elizabeth Petersen" (Clinton Herald) 6/14/2003  
 "God has a special plan for Jalen" (DM Register) 12/25/2002

Folder 12: "The Sightless" – News Story (Davenport-Bettendorf  
 Times-Democrat) 1972

Part 1, "A touch for Art" 1/31/1972  
 Part 2, "Iowa's Blind: Don't say 'handicapped'" 2/1/1972  
 Part 3, "Iowa's Library for blind: Nothing like it anywhere in the  
 entire world" 2/2/1972

Folder 13: Fire in Commission – Publicity 1960

Folder contains publicity on the fire at the Commission in 1960.  
 "After Fire at 'Y'" (DM Tribune) 3/21/1960  
 "Fight Stubborn Fire in Old 'Y.M.' Building" (DM Register)  
 3/21/1960  
 "Fire Damage Repair Voted" (DM Register) 3/22/1960  
 "A Tragic Blow for the Blind" (DM Tribune) 3/21/1960  
 Newspaper photo of burning building  
 Newspaper photo of iced fire-escape  
 Letter from W. Grant Cunningham to Kenneth Jernigan

- Bids for a new roof

Folder 14: Story of 4<sup>th</sup> and Keosauqua Way

News-clippings from 1994-2004 that highlight the history of fourth street and Keosauqua Way.

Folder 15: Insurance (Mutual of Omaha)

*\*Personal Information – limited access\**

Information (correspondence, insurance paperwork/policy) about Mr. Paul Daniel Fry's issue with his insurance company not paying him disability benefits because (they claim) he should not have been awarded a policy on the basis of his blindness. Mr. and Mrs. Fry sent in a letter to the commission for all their help in this matter.

Folder 16: "The Physical Education of the Blind", 1915 – Book in American Braille

Folder 17: Federal Statistical Information

List of numbers of people rehabilitated by state agencies  
1959-1960

Annual Report on State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency  
Reviews (RSA-30), 1977 & 1978

Annual Report on Post-Employment Services (RSA-32) 1977

Letters from Vocational Rehabilitation Administration regarding  
federal forms 1958-1967

Folder 18: Federal Statistical Information (2)

Semi-Annual Case Load Report & Letter, 1966

Quarterly Report on OASI Disability Applicant Transmittals for  
Vocational Rehabilitation Consideration, 1961-1965

Monthly Report on OASI Inquiries for Vocational Rehabilitation,  
1955-1961

Folder 19: Federal Statistical Information (3)

Summary of Case Service Reports for clients Closed  
Rehabilitated, 1966-1968

Characteristics of Rehabilitants, 1962-1966

Folder 20: Lion's Day 1988

Folder 21: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2000)

Folder contains papers related to the Iowa Department for the Blind's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. There are also numerous photographs and a few negatives of the celebration. Photos are of an open house and other presentations and ceremonies.

Folder 22: Transcriber's Workshop Information 1991-2001

Folder contains information on Transcriber workshops held between 1991 and 2001.

Folder 23: Establishing Orientation Center & Acquiring YMCA Building 1958-1960

Folder contains information on the hiring of Kenneth Jernigan as Director of the Iowa Commission for the Blind, and on the orientation center. Specifically, on the proposal submitted for the center, and the promotion.

Folder 24: Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) – Historical Papers

Paper – “Mary Ingalls Era,” by Dorothy Petrucci O’Leary and Catherine Goddard, 1982

Paper – “A Backward Glance at the Iowa School for the Blind,” - Lois Tiberghien, Class of 1910

Informational Book – “Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School”

Folder 25: Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) – Publications/Yearbooks, 1960-1970

IBSSS School Journal – December, 1960

IBSSS School Journal – May, 1961

IBSSS School Journal – December, 1962

IBSSS School Journal – May, 1963

IBSSS School Journal – December, 1963

IBSSS School Journal – December, 1964

IBSSS School Journal – May, 1965

IBSSS School Journal – December, 1965

Folder 26: Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) – Publications/Yearbooks, 1960-1970 (2)

IBSSS School Journal – May, 1966

IBSSS School Journal – December, 1966  
IBSSS School Journal – May, 1967  
IBSSS School Journal – December, 1967  
IBSSS Aries – 1968-1969  
IBSSS Aries – 1969-1970

Folder 27: Evaluation and Analysis of the Organization of State  
Programs for Blind, 1975

Volume I: An Evaluation of the organization of State Programs  
to Serve the Blind...And a Suggested Evaluation  
Sequence

Volume II: The Legal Analysis of the Organization of State  
Programs to Serve the Blind

**Archive Box 6:**

This box contains annual reports and photographs. Some photographs are in the annual reports, and some are only associated with the year. Dates include 1952-1996, and undated.

Folder 1: 1952 Annual Report

Folder 2: 1954 Annual Report

Folder 3: 1956 Annual Report

Folder 4: 1959 Annual Report

Folder 5: 1960 Annual Report

Folder 6: 1961 Annual Report

Folder 7: 1962 Annual Report

Folder 8: 1963 Annual Report

Folder 9: 1964 Annual Report

Folder 10: 1965 Annual Report

Folder 11: 1966 Annual Report and Photos

- Folder 12: 1967 Annual Report
- Folder 13: 1968 Annual Report
- Folder 14: 1969 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 15: 1970 Annual Report
- Folder 16: 1971 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 17: 1972 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 18: 1973 Annual Report
- Folder 19: 1974 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 20: 1975 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 21: 1976 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 22: 1977 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 23: 1978 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 24: 1979 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 25: 1980 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 26: 1981 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 27: 1982 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 28: 1983 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 29: 1984 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 30: 1985 Annual Report and Photos
- Folder 31: 1986 Annual Report and Photos



Folder 32: 1987 Annual Report and Photos

Folder 33: 1988 Annual Report

Folder 34: 1989 Annual Report

Folder 35: 1990 Annual Report

Folder 36: 1991 Annual Report

Folder 37: 1992 Annual Report and Photos

Folder 38: 1993 Annual Report and Photos

Folder 39: 1993 Annual Report and Photos

Folder 40: 1994 Annual Report and Photos

Folder 41: 1994 Annual Report and Photos

Folder 42: 1996 Annual Report and Photos

### **Archive Box 7:**

This box contains annual reports, photographs, White Cane Updates and materials related to the Iowa Department for the Blind library and other services, Camp Laurie, and the Home for Sightless Women. Additionally, the box contains these books: *Inequality in America: What Role for Human Capital Policies?* by James J. Heckman and Alan B. Krueger (2003); *To Tough the Untouchable Dream*, edited by Kenneth Jernigan (1998); and *Gray Pancakes and Gold Horses*, edited by Kenneth Jernigan (1998). Dates include 1940s-2000s, and undated.

#### **Folder 1: 1998 Annual Report & Photos**

Folder contains copies of the 1998 Annual Report along with Annual report photos and negatives. Photo subjects include, but not limited to: Employment – teachers, fast-food service, volunteer coordinator, radio-shack salesman, and farming.

#### **Folder 2: 1998 Annual Report Photos**

Folder contains more photos taken for the annual report. Photos showcase various individuals who have found

employment. Some of these photo subjects are found throughout the other folders as well. Subjects include, but not limited to: teachers, radio-shack salesman, artist, and records management.

Folder 3: 1998 Annual Report Photos (2)

Folder contains photos taken for the annual report, but not all photos in the report are available. Includes photo negatives, and photo subjects include clients who have found employment. Photos of clients who have received services, such as Independent Living and talking books, are also included. Some of the featured subjects are: a Sears saleswoman, Laundromat owner, choir member.

Folder 4: 1998 Annual Report Photos (3)

Folder contains photos taken for the annual report. Subjects include, but are not limited to: teaching, beauty product saleswoman, young blind girl and her mother, antique dealer, butcher, chiropractor, food service.

Folder 5: 1998 Annual Report Photos (4)

Folder contains photos taken for the annual report. Subjects include, but are not limited to: BEP cafeteria vendors, talking book receiver, woman doing chores at home (taking out trash, canning), vet clinic secretary.

Folder 6: 2000 Annual Report

Folder 7: 2000 Annual Report Drafts

Folder 8: Building Renovations

Folder contains various photos on renovations of the Department's building. Pictures seem to include two separate renovation times, but not clear. At least one of the renovations took place in 1985, and some of the photos are dated.

Folder 9: Success in Employment (various years)

Folder contains various photos taken to show the levels of employment available to blind individuals. Not all photos are dated, but roughly they date from 1950s – 1990s.

Folder 10: IDB Building Pictures, Commissioners, Directors

Commissioners and Directors included are: John Wellman, Robert Martin, Margaret Koch, Marian Williams, Kenneth Jernigan, John Taylor, Ethel T. Holmes.

Folder 11: 5 Millionth Book Circulation – Celebration, October 30, 1987

Folder contains photos from the 5 millionth book circulated celebration. Some photos are labeled with names, but many are not. Governor Branstad was present at the celebration.

Folder 12: Independence Day, 1988

Folder contains photos from an Independence Day celebration held at the Department.

Folder 13: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos (1)

Folder contains photos and photo negatives from the Department's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Folder 14: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos (2)

Folder contains additional photos from the Department's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Folder 15: Lions Club Related Information & Publicity

Folder 16: "Envisioning Inclusive Communities and Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", 2000

Folder 17: Iowa Rehabilitation Association

Iowa Rehabilitation Association Newsletter, First Quarter 1989  
Iowa Rehabilitation Association Newsletter, Second Quarter 1989

Folder 18: Home for Sightless Women

This folder contains a picture of the home, along with list of Board of Trustees and Advisory Board. Includes a photo of the Roosevelt High School Girls Club at the home for volunteer work. Years are unclear.

Folder 19: 2008 Historic postcards of Des Moines - Calendar

Folder 20: Camp Laurie – Information and Photos

Folder contains a brief amount of information on Camp Laurie (an old 1960s Salvation Army Camp for the Blind). The camp is not longer in existence, and the land changed hands several times (as indicated in the email that was sent to the Department). A few pictures of campers, cabins, and the dining hall are included.

Folder 21: Thank-You Letters to Commission/Department

Folder contains various thank-you letters written to the Commission/Department; thanking them for various services and general help/guidance they have provided.

Folder 22: Complaint Letters to Library 1989-2009

Folder contains complaint letters addressed to the library, dealing with their services. Complaints range from not receiving books in a timely manner, not receiving the books they ask for, to waiting a while to receive a book player.

Folder 23: Thank-You Cards to Library

Folder contains cards addressed to the Library, thanking them for their services. Dates range from 1960s – 2010.

Folder 24: Thank-You Letters to Library (1)

Folder contains thank-you letters addressed to the library, thanking them for their services. Dates range from 1966-2010. Topics are varied. There are three folders in the series.

Folder 25: Thank-You Letters to Library (2)

Folder contains thank-you letters addressed to the library, thanking them for their services. Dates range from 1966-2010. Topics are varied. Second in the series.

Folder 26: Thank-You Letters to Library (3)

Folder contains thank-you letters addressed to the library, thanking them for their services. Dates range from 1966-2010. Topics are varied. Third in the series.

**Folder 27: White Cane Update 1983-1989**

Folder contains issue of the White Cane Update, a publication of the Iowa Commission/Department for the Blind. Those issues are listed below:

1983 – February, May, December  
 1984 – March, June, November  
 1985 – May, December  
 1986 – February, June, December  
 1987 – May, December  
 1988 – December  
 1989 – May, August

**Folder 28: White Cane Update 1990-1999**

Folder contains issues of the White Cane Update, a publication of the Iowa Department for the Blind. Those issues are listed below:

1990 – January, April, October  
 1991 – January, July, December  
 1992 – April, August  
 1993 – Winter, Spring, Fall  
 1994 – Summer  
 1995 – Spring  
 1996 – Winter, Autumn  
 1997 – Winter/Spring  
 1998 – Winter, Fall  
 1999 – Spring

**Folder 29: White Cane Update 2000-2004**

Folder contains issues of the White Cane Update, a publication of the Iowa Department for the Blind. Those issues are listed below:

2000 – Summer  
 2001 – Summer  
 2003 – Spring, Fall  
 2004 – Spring, Fall, Winter

**Archive Box 8: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

This box contains materials related to a hearing involving Iowa Commission for the Blind, concerning the Randolph-Sheppard Act. This box also contains materials related to the Iowa Department for the Blind volunteer

workshops, BEP vending photographs, information on Braille and appliances for the blind, textile art, and blindness-related laws in Iowa. Dates include 1930s-2000s, and undated.

Binder 1: Transcript of Proceedings: \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

Binder 2: Transcript of Proceedings: \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

Binder 3: Decision & Transcript \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

Binder 4: Transcript \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

Binder 5: Evidence Hearing Exhibits \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

Binder 6: Administrative File \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

Folder 1: Volunteer Workshops and Awards (1)

Folder contains photographs of volunteer workshops, luncheons, and award ceremonies over the years. Years included are: 1978, 1981-1985, 1987, 2001-2002, and 2006. Photos are of volunteers and staff, Iowa Department for the Blind Directors, and Iowa Governors. Materials are included in three folders.

Folder 2: Volunteer Workshops and Awards (2)

Folder contains additional photographs related to volunteer workshops and award ceremonies. Years included are: 1978, 1981-1985, 1987, 2001-2002, and 2006. Second in the series.

Folder 3: Volunteer Workshops and Awards (3)

Folder contains additional photographs related to volunteer workshops and award ceremonies. Years included are: 1978, 1981-1985, 1987, 2001-2002, and 2006. Third in the series.

Folder 4: Governor's Award, 1995 – Creig Slayton

Folder contains papers and photos related to Iowa Department for the Blind Director, Creig Slayton, receiving the 1995 Iowa Governor's Award for his service.

Folder 5: BEP and Vending Photos (1)

Folder contains photographs and negatives of vending sights operated by the Iowa Commission/Department for the Blind, and other images related to the Business Enterprise Program at the Department. Some topics and years included are as follows: Post office vending stand, Des Moines Federal 1<sup>st</sup>, Capitol Building, Mitchellville Rest area, Underwood Rest area;

1948, 1970s, 1988, 1990-1993. Several photographs are not labeled with a date or a name.

Folder 6: BEP and Vending Photos (2)

Folder contains additional photographs and negatives of vending sights operated by the Iowa Commission/Department for the Blind, and other images related to the Business Enterprise Program at the Department. Dates include: 1948, 1970s, 1988, and 1990-1993. Several photographs are not labeled with a date or a name.

Folder 7: History of Braille & Appliances for the Blind

Folder 8: Textile Art

Folder 9: Iowa Law Related to Blindness

Folder contains information on laws related to the blind in Iowa. Some materials included are:

“Rights of the Handicapped,” by John Hamer (1974)

“Iowa Laws Pertaining to the Blind,” compiled from *The Code of Iowa*, 1973

Folder 10: Case File Information \*CONFIDENTIAL\*

Lists of Clients and variety of information  
1967-1968 & 1968-1969

Non-Rehabilitated Closed Case Record Forms, 1963-1964

An Evaluation of the Organization of State Programs to Serve the Blind - A suggested Evaluation Sequence – Volume I

The Legal Analysis of the Organization of State programs to serve the Blind – Volume II

**Archive Box 9:**

This box contains materials related to legislative open houses held by the Iowa Department for the Blind, and various photographs of staff and clients. Also within this box is a collection of comics titled, “Is Blindness a Laughing Matter,” collected by Kenneth A. Stuckey. Cartoons relate to blindness and visual impairment. Dates include 1970s-2003, and undated.

Folder 1: Staff & Client Photos

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Folder includes photos of clients receiving library services, golfing, skiing, sewing, cooking, working, gardening and working in the industrial shop.

People included: Una Ray, Manuel Urena, Ralph Kauffman, Gary Patterson, Eileen Bradley, Gene Sopher, Margaret Oliver, Kevin Bodtke, Shirley Wiggins, Kristi Karl, John Powers, Stephanie Hunolt, Steve Hagemoser, and Joel Lightcap, Sylvester Nemmers, Mabel Nading, Cody Dolinsek, Richard Hassig, Sandy Tigges, Kay Valen, Julie Scurr, Andrew Peters, Quang Deo, Ruth Schroeder, Alice Olswold, Cathy Christiansen, Mark Schowalter, Fred Mansfield, Dorothy Kirsner, and Terri Rehemeyer.

Folder 2: Legislative Open House – 1992

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1992. Documents include: invitations, attendance sheet, and lists of Senators and Representatives.

Folder 3: Legislative Open House – 1993

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1993. Documents include: attendance sheet, refreshment receipts and thank-you letters, invitations, list of IDB volunteers, floor plans, confirmation papers, and lists of mailings.

Folder 4: Legislative Open House – 1994

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1994. Documents include: planning papers, lists of Senators and Representatives, attendance sheet, floor plans, refreshment receipts, and invitations.

Folder 5: Legislative Open House – 1995

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1995. Documents include: IDB fact sheets, attendance sheet, lists of Senators and Representatives, lists of mailings, and list of IDB volunteers.



Folder 6: Legislative Open House – 1996

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1996. Documents include: IDB fact sheets, lists of Senators and Representatives, list of IDB volunteers, attendance sheet, and invitations.

Folder 7: Legislative Open House – 1997

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1997. Documents include: attendance sheet, lists of Senators and Representatives, list of IDB volunteers, IDB fact sheets, floor plans, and invitations.

Folder 8: Legislative Open House – 1998

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1998. Documents include: list of IDB volunteers, invitations, IDB fact sheets, lists of Senators and Representatives, attendance sheet, and floor plans.

Folder 9: Legislative Open House – 1999

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 1999. Documents include: lists of Senators and Representatives, floor plans, invitations, attendance sheet, IDB fact sheets and brochures, and a list of IDB volunteers.

Folder 10: Legislative Open House – 2000

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 2000. Documents include: planning papers, IDB fact sheets and brochures, attendance sheet, invitations, and lists of Senators and Representatives.

Folder 11: Legislative Open House – 2001

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 2001. Documents include: invitations, floor plans, lists of Senators

and Representatives, list of IDB volunteers, and IDB fact sheets.

Folder 12: Legislative Open House – 2002

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 2002. Documents include: list of IDB volunteers and staff in attendance, IDB fact sheets, invitations, floor plans, planning papers, lists of Senators and Representatives, copies of nametags, and attendance sheet.

Folder 13: Legislative Open House - 2003

Folder contains documents regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind's appearance at the Legislative Open House in 2003. Documents include: list of IDB volunteers, invitations, attendance sheet, planning papers, IDB fact sheets, and lists of Senators and Representatives.

Folder 14: 1979 Photos

Folder 15: 1981 Photos

Folder 16: 1982 Photos

Folder 17: 1983 Photos

Folder 18: 1984 Photos

Folder 19: 1985 Photos

Folder 20: 1986 Photos

Folder 21: 1987 Photos

Folder 22: 1988 Photos

Folder 23: 1989 Photos

Folder 24: 1990 Photos

Folder 25: 1991 Photos

Folder 26: 1992 Photos

Folder 27: 1993 Photos

Folder 28: 1994 and 1995 Photos

### **Archive Box 10:**

This box contains materials related to Braille, deaf-blindness, blindness-related historical artifacts, the Iowa Department for the Blind's library and other services, as well as miscellaneous photographs. Dates include 1970s-Present, and undated.

#### Folder 1: Learning Braille

Folder contains materials related to learning Braille. Some of the items are listed below:

Braille Series 1960, Book One – Uncontracted Braille

Braille Series 1960, Book Two – Beginning Contracted Braille

Braille Series 1992, Book One – Uncontracted Braille

Braille series 1992, Book Three – Completing Contracted Braille

Learning the Braille System: Touch and Go (in Braille)

Understanding Braille

The Story of Embossed Books for the Blind, by Louis W. Rodenberg

Braille: A Birthday Look at its Past, Present, and Future  
–Jim Burns

In Touch: Printing and Writing for the Blind in the Nineteenth Century

#### Folder 2: Deaf Blindness

Folder contains information on deaf-blindness. Some topics include: techniques for communication, sign language charts, and publicity on Helen Keller.

#### Folder 3: Vocational Rehabilitation – General

Folder contains general information on Vocational Rehabilitation, on the federal and state level. Materials include informational packets and brochures.

Folder 4: 1996 and 1998-1999 Photos

Folder contains general photographs from 1996, 1998 through 1999.

Folder 5: 2000-2011 Photos

Folder contains general photographs from 2000 to 2011.

Folder 6: Library Photos – miscellaneous

Folder contains photographs related to the Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The photos are from various years; some are dated, while most are not. Photos are of patrons, Orientation Center students, building photos, publicity photos, and various portrayals of the services provided by the library.

Folder 7: Artifact Photos

Folder contains photographs of various artifacts related to blindness. Some of these artifacts are held at the Iowa Department for the Blind in Des Moines, Iowa. These items include: Talking Calculator (1976), Embossed Letters – machine and Bible (1850), Banks Pocket Braille Writer, Braille Writer from Kuwait, Lavender Braille Writer, Teletouch, Wright Punch – model 2600, Smith Corona Braille Writer, New Hall Braille Writer, The Notation Graph (music chart).

Folder 8: Copyright Releases, 1980s-Present (1)

Folder contains copyright releases solicited from various publishers by the Iowa Department for the Blind. Many of the releases were acquired in order to produce a Braille copy of the publication. Most of the information is in the form of correspondence. This folder dates from 1980s to the present.

Folder 9: Copyright Releases, 1980s-Present (2)

Folder contains additional copyright releases solicited from various publishers by the Iowa Department for the Blind. This folder dates from 1980s to the present.

Folder 10: Copyright Releases, 1980s and Prior (1)

Folder contains copyright releases solicited from various publishers by the Iowa Department for the Blind. Many of the releases were acquired in order to produce a Braille copy of the publication. Most of the information is in the form of

correspondence. This folder dates from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Folder 11: Copyright Releases, 1980s and Prior (2)

Folder contains additional copyright releases solicited from various publishers by the Iowa Department for the Blind. This folder dates from 1960s to the 1980s.

Folder 12: Miscellaneous Photos – Negatives

Folder contains negatives for some of the miscellaneous photographs stored in the respective folders. Not all of the photographs had negatives and vice versa.

Folder 13: Miscellaneous Photos (1)

Folder contains miscellaneous photographs. These have been marked miscellaneous because many of them have no date and no indication of their purpose. Some have their names identified, but not all. This is the first of five folders. The subjects roughly include: Independent Living, Employment, Orientation Center and students, Technology days and Open Houses, Conferences, and general staff photos. Some names that are noted include: Genese Haugen, Jacquie Cummings, Karen Butcher, Carol Eckey, Sandy Jones, LaDonna Hansen, Arthur Johnson, Robert Seliger, and Kathy Safres.

Folder 14: Miscellaneous Photos (2)

Folder contains additional miscellaneous photographs. Second in the series.

Folder 15: Miscellaneous Photos (3)

Folder contains miscellaneous photographs. Third in the series.

Folder 16: Miscellaneous Photos (4)

Folder contains miscellaneous photographs. Fourth in the series.

Folder 17: Miscellaneous Photos (5)

Folder contains miscellaneous photographs. Fifth and final folder in the series.

### **Archive Box 11: RESTRICTED ACCESS**

This box contains the Blind Journals for the Iowa Department for the Blind. The journals are not contained in separate folders, but arranged chronologically in the box. Each one is marked with the years it contains. These journals contain some confidential information; therefore access to some information is restricted. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, new or returning client, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Members of the public may view the information in the journals with the confidential information omitted or blocked. Dates include 1947-1994.

#### **Journal 1: 1946-1952**

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, new or returning client, and county of residence. Date of referrals include December 1946 – December 1952.

#### **Journal 2: 1953-1958**

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, new or returning client, county of residence, and some entries include cause of blindness. Date of referrals include January 1953 – October 1958.

#### **Journal 3: 1958-1961**

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, new or returning client, county of residence, and entries include cause of blindness. Date of referrals include November 1958 – June 1961.

#### **Journal 4: 1961-1963**

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral

source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include July 1961 – May 1963.

Journal 5: 1963-1965

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include June 1963 – June 1965.

Journal 6: 1965-1967

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include July 1965 – August 1967.

Journal 7: 1967-1969

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include September 1967 – April 1969.

Journal 8: 1969-1970

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include May 1969 – December 1970.

Journal 9: 1971-1972

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include January 1971 – January 1972.

Journal 10: 1972-1973

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include February 1972 – January 1973.

Journal 11: 1974-1975

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include September 1974 – December 1975.

Journal 12: 1975-1976

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include December 1975 – February 1976.

Journal 13: 1976-1977

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, reference source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include February 1976 – August 1977.

Journal 14: 1977-1979

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness is listed. A cause code key is listed. Some of the causes of blindness were give a number instead of writing the full name. Date of referrals include August 1977 – June 1979.

Journal 15: 1979-1980

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral



source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include June 1979 – December 1980.

Journal 16: 1981-1982

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include January 1981 – June 1982.

Journal 17: 1982-1984

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include July 1982 – July 1984.

Journal 18: 1984-1986

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include July 1984 – October 1986.

Journal 19: 1984-1989

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include July 1984 – March 1989.

Journal 20: 1986-1988

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Commission / Department for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include October 1986 – November 1988.

Journal 21: 1989-1994

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Department for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include March 1989 – December 1994.

Journal 22: 1988-1991

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Department for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include November 1988 – February 1991.

Journal 23: 1991-1994

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Department for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include February 1991 – July 1994.

Journal 24: 1994

This journal contains a register of blind people in the state of Iowa. Some were Iowa Department for the Blind clients. Information included: date of referral, name, birth date, referral source, county of residence, and cause of blindness. Date of referrals include August 1994 – December 1994.

## **Preferred Citation**

Users are encouraged to employ the following bibliographic citations for the History of Blindness in Iowa Oral Histories:

Bibliographic citation for a single interview:

Keninger, Karen A., typescript of an oral history conducted 2011 by Meredith Ferguson, History of Blindness in Iowa, Iowa Blind History Archive, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines, IA, 2011, [##] pp.

Footnote citation for a single interview:

Karen A. Keninger, an oral history conducted 2011, History of Blindness in Iowa, Iowa Blind History Archive, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines, IA, 2011, pp. # - #.

Users are encouraged to employ the following bibliographic citations for other materials from the Iowa Blind History Archives:

author, title or other description of document, and date, the name of the collection, location of the item within the collection (series and box or folio number), and location of the collection (depository and city or internet location).

Example:

Iowa Commission for the Blind, *1968 Annual Report of the Iowa Commission for the Blind*, 1969, Iowa Blind History Archives, Box 6 - Folder 13, Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines, IA.

## **Related Archival Materials**

The Braille Monitor is a publication of the National Federation of the Blind. It is published 11 times a year, and covers blindness-related articles, events, and issues. Some materials related to the Braille Monitor and the NFB can be found in IDB's collection. These materials are limited, so for further information please follow these links. An online archive of digitized Braille Monitors from 1957-1986 is available here:

<http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=Braille%20Monitor>.

Current publications of the Braille Monitor can be found here:

<http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Publications.asp?SnID=2108014191>.

Two films are available on the Department's network in a folder labeled "Videos" in the "Oral History" folder. They are:

"Blindness Is...", University of Iowa Motion Picture Unit (undated)

This film was made and produced for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS) in Vinton, Iowa. This film explores blindness from the perspective of a blind child going through school at Vinton, and learning the skills they need to live life just as a sighted person would. A few of the skills highlighted are: Braille and Large Print, slate and stylus, typing, talking book players, and cane travel. The film's overall purpose is to

explain what blindness isn't – a limiting handicap. Classrooms, sports, socializing, and home visits are also featured. It is narrated by Danny Kaye, and is 30 minutes long.

“The Vinton Story of Sight Saving and Braille,” University of Iowa (undated)

This film was produced by the University of Iowa and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School (IBSSS). This film is narrated; however the speed of the voice has been affected and now runs fast. A typical day at the IBSSS is portrayed with a dad visiting his son for the day, and is shown what the young boy is learning and how the school functions. Classrooms (wood-work, chair caning, looms, Braille), social activities (recess and between classes), swimming class, and sports are featured. The film includes a brief tour of the campus: the dairy herd, view of the farm fields, 4H calves, green house, hospital, and dormitories. It is designed as a promotional video, to encourage parents of blind children to re-enroll them in the IBSSS at Vinton. It is 15 minutes long.

Digitized copies of the following films are also available for viewing:

“What do you do when you meet a Blind Man,” New York Industrial Home for the Blind (1955)

Shows two blind men in New York City and depicts their treatment in a variety of situations. At the end one man talks about how their success is related to "Providential Compensation," which is in fact all of the help that they receive in their daily lives from sighted people. It is 15 minutes long.

“Water skiing” (1960)

Shows Kenneth Jernigan, Manuel Urena, and Adult Orientation Center students skiing on the Cedar River near Waterloo, Iowa. This movie is silent with no narration. It is 5 minutes long.

“Woodcutting” (1960)

“Woodcutting with Interview” (1960)

This film shows Kenneth Jernigan and an Adult Orientation Center student. This film has no narration. The original has a

voice interview with Jernigan, and will have to be recopied. It is 5 minutes long.

“Tour of the Building”

Untitled shots of the building including: Shop, Home Economics. Switchboard, Library and the Library stacks. Date is unknown. This film has no narration. It is 2 minutes long.

“No Tin Cup”

This is a film by the University of Iowa. It is a depiction of several clients of the Iowa Commission for the Blind who are working in various industrial jobs around the state of Iowa. The names of the clients have been changed. The film includes a depiction of a Counselor from the Iowa Commission and a potential employer. It is 15 minutes long, and has sound.

“Gammack Interview” – Introspect (1969)

This is a recorded interview of Kenneth Jernigan by Gordon Gammack, a reporter for the Des Moines Register. In this film, Jernigan talks about the Commission’s philosophy of blindness. The film is 30 minutes long.

“5-1=5”

This is a film by Iowa State University (ISU). In the first 12 minutes, Kenneth Jernigan discusses the Iowa Commission for the Blind. Information about the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School follows. It then transitions back to the Commission's Orientation Center and Library, and ends with an interview of Curtis Willoughby, a blind student who is studying Electrical Engineering at ISU. The film is 30 minutes long.

“Gordon Gammack Tour Parts 1 & 2” - Interview with Kenneth Jernigan (1962)

Jernigan talks about the Iowa Commission for the Blind in general, and then conducts a partial tour of the building. Areas shown include: Library, Typing Room, Home Economics, Shop, and the Gym. The second half shows blind people who are employed. People included: Elwyn Hemkin, farmer; Curtis Willoughby, radio engineer; Neil Butler, cafeteria; Les Secor at Eagle Iron Works; Al Kirsner, Les Sectors' boss and husband of

Iowa Commission Board member Dorothy Kirsner; Arlene Hill, switchboard operator; and Jan Omvig, legislative clerk. This film is 20 minutes long

“Heads” – Building Tour (1960)

This film shows the Recreation Room, original Typing Room, Travel on 4th street, the Gym, Pool, original Library in the gymnasium, playing a pinball game in the bowling alley west of our building, woodcutting, remodeling of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors, dorm rooms on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors, and the roof. This film is 20 minutes long and has no narration.

“First Travel Lesson”

This film shows some of the first travel lessons implemented by Kenneth Jernigan. The location is where the Amos Hyatt building used to be. The film is 2 minutes long.

A small collection of video cassettes are also available. Some films are productions of the Iowa Department for the Blind, and others are films on blindness-related topics produced by other agencies and companies. The films include:

“75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” - Public Education Day presentation

Product of IDB, 45 minutes. Creig Slayton, Director of IDB, opens with a brief history of the Department, looking at the years 1925-1958 and 1958-2000. Slayton highlights the Library, Independent living, Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Business Enterprise Program. Each program is briefly explained and general statistics are provided. Three speakers provide a little of their background, and explain how the Department has touched their lives. The speakers are Hope McGowan, Sandy Ryan, and Gene Collins.

“5,000,000<sup>th</sup> Book/ Channel 13 Volunteer Segment”

“A Walk through the 1992 Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act”

“Adaptive Technology – Center of the Blind of Ethiopia”

“A Media Relations Self-Defense Course – Bon G. Shaw, 1985”

“Architectural Barriers: Wheelchair and Blind” (2 Copies)

“Building Tomorrow’s Traditions, Today. A Vision for Iowa State Government, 6/1/96”

The film runs 20 minutes.

“Business Enterprise Service”

Product of the Mississippi State University Television Center

“Blind Ski at Mount Kato; Mankato, MN – 2/17/88”

Product of KEYC-TV-12 in Mankato, MN, and the reporter is Karen Wright.

“Building Management Skills for Business Counselors”

“BEP Marketing Tape: Employer, Dec. 1993”

Product of Missouri

“Business as Usual”

“Business: A Rehab Perspective”

“Cane Travel - Iowa Department for the Blind, #25”

Product of IDB, 10 minutes. This video features techniques for the blind student for travel. Jim Witte introduces the attitude and mission of the Adult Orientation Center, as well as basic travel lesson techniques. Examples of each phase of training are shown, and the use of sleep shade training is explained. Other activities that the Orientation students experience are shown, including: golfing, horseback riding, and skiing.

“Communications - Iowa Department for the Blind #19”

Product of IDB, 10 minutes. This film is narrated by Jim Witte. This film is part of the Techniques for blind students, and it focuses on learning the skills of communication. Computer class, typing and Braille are all discussed. A quick demonstration of how to familiarize yourself with a new typewriter is also highlighted.

“Children’s Slide show – I.D.B. Slides”

“CSAVR TLECONF. RE. Actions in Washington D.C. – Impacting the V.R. Program, 2/6/95”

“CSAVR “National Issues in Public Rehabilitation” – 6/17/97”  
Product of Texas Rehabilitation; 2 copies.

“Dr. Nemeth Lunch, 4/23/04”  
Product of IDB. This film was shot during IDB’s Perkowsky Volunteer Workshop. Dr. Abraham Nemeth is a blind mathematician who developed a Braille code for mathematics and scientific notation, making mathematics and science texts accessible to blind individuals.

“Ed Sheppard - 1/27/1994”  
Product of IDB. Three tapes in total that document Ed Sheppard discussing various blindness-related issues with IDB’s Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center students.

“Fourth CSAVR Satellite Teleconference, 7/15/97”

“GCIB/ NIB – New Directions for Success”

“I’m Blind, So What? – Meet Barb Weigel” 2003  
Product of NFB Iowa chapter, 25 minutes. This film is a production of the Black Hawk County Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind. Barb Weigel, Project Specialist with the Iowa Department for the Blind, is interviewed by Loren Wakefield. Weigel describes her job, and what IDB does. Weigel provides mini-orientations, works closely with Independent Living and Rehabilitation Teachers, and she provides/teaches alternative techniques for the blind. This video provides good information on the basic function of IDB and what Home/Rehabilitation Teachers do on a daily basis.

“I’m Blind, So What? – Meet Dolores Reisinger” 2003  
Product of NFB Iowa chapter, 25 minutes. This film is a production of the Black Hawk County Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB). Dolores Reisinger, former Iowa Department for the Blind (IDB) Rehabilitation Teacher, is



interviewed by Teresa Wakefield. Reisinger provides her general story: growing up in Brazil, attending a school for the blind, going to University and teaching Spanish, then coming to Iowa in 1968/1969 through an exchange program. She taught Spanish until 1976, when she started at IDB. She retired in 1994, and has also been heavily involved with the NFB.

“Industrial Arts: Methods for Blind Students, Iowa Department for the Blind”

Product of IDB, 20 minutes. This film explains the Industrial Arts class offered at the Iowa Department for the Blind’s Orientation Center, and offers some advice on teaching alternative techniques. Harold Mason, a carpenter, offers some advice to future Orientation students and other blind people in general. Gene Boster, a school teacher from Story county, offers advice to other school teachers with blind students. Students then demonstrate a number of tools and alternative techniques. Tom Thorn demonstrates the rotomatic and the skill saw; Jerry Weber demonstrates the table saw and Braille micrometer; Larry Hudson demonstrates the hand saw, router, and the radical arm saw; and John Gipper demonstrates the band saw and finishing.

“Iowa Department for the Blind: Children’s Video – Lets Talk About Blindness”

Product of IDB, 6 minutes.

“Interviews: Behnaz, Daryel”

“Iowa Civil Rights Commission: A Mission of Teaching; A Vision of Respect”

“Louisiana Center for the Blind – Ruston, LA”

“Life-Wise #217 – Losing Sight, 1/22/98”

Length is 26 minutes.

“Making a Difference - Iowa Department for the Blind; 1996”

Product of IDB, 25 minutes. 2 videos. This film was produced by Media Resources Center at Iowa State University. This

video introduces and explains the philosophy of the Iowa Department for the Blind's Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center. Cody Dolinsek, a student, is interviewed and introduces other interviewees: Ted Hart, machinist and former student; Karen Moritz, pastor and former student; Randy Kluesner, vendor operator and former student; Daryl Banks, former student; and Behnaz Soulati, French instructor and former student. Various field trips and activities are also shown: hiking, rafting, chopping firewood, GED tutoring, counseling, and other classes.

“Moving On - Iowa Department for the Blind, #71”

Product of IDB, 30 minutes. This video shows how several blind people associated with the Iowa Department for the Blind have come to terms with their blindness, and moved past it to lead successful lives. Harold Mason, carpenter; Gary Patterson, systems analyst; Becky Thompson, health care counselor; and Pat McLuen, Orientation Center student are all interviewed. Orientation classes, such as travel, shop, home economics, and Braille are all explained. The video ends with the Orientation students learning to ski.

“Mr. Chris Listad – Time Capsule, TV 8 – 1987”

Product of KCCI Channel 8, 5 minutes long. This segment highlights the Iowa Department for the Blind, particularly the Library services. People featured in the segment include: John Wellman, lawyer; Marc Nemmers, vending operator; Denis Mowry, library patron; and Catherine Ford, Director of Iowa Library for the Blind. In closing, the threat of budget cuts and its affects are mentioned. Chris Listad reports.

“Makes You Mad & Thanks to Congressman Green”

Length is 9 minutes.

“Making Cafeterias Profitable for the RS Program”

“Making Voc Rehab Happen Conference, Nebraska 2001”

“OOTR '01 – At Cedar Valley Grove”

Product of IDB, 20 minutes. June 29, 2001. This video shows the graduation of Orientation on the Road students from Cedar Valley Grove. Cynthia Qloud presents their certificates, and they mention the most significant thing they've learned. The students also do a short skit at the end, emphasizing the skills they have learned.

"OWOW, KWWL – 8/10/94"

Product of KWWL News at 5, 5 minutes. Ron Steel and Liz Mathis are reporting. On the neighborhood news portion, Wayne Chute is the featured story. Chute participates in the five- week work camp with the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, which is geared towards teaching responsibility and orientation into a professional work environment.

"Program on Abilities – aired 3/17/1993"

This film features Norma Boge.

"RehabACTion"

13 minutes. This film has three clips: Makes You Mad, The Showdown, and The Debate.

"Spotlight on Faith, WHO TV"

Product of WHO TV. Dr. Dale Miller interviews JNT in building.

"Transcriber's Workshop – Awards and Luncheon, 6/22/01"

Product of IDB.

"Time Capsule" – KCCI News Channel 8, 1988"

Product of KCCI News Channel 8, 5 minutes long. Julie McCullough is featured in a 5 minute story. She was the first blind female pastor appointed to the Glidden United Methodist church. Congregation was hesitant at first, but they quickly accepted her and her pastoral style. She is known to sing during her sermons. Includes a montage of McCullough visiting care centers, Brailleing her sermons, and checking her Braille Bible. The story was part of the regular news show, so commercials are included.

"Understanding the RS Law, 1984"

30 minutes long. This video is a production of the West Virginia Rehabilitation and Research Center. It is a training video for business counselors, and provides a general breakdown of the Randolph-Sheppard Act vending and cafeteria regulations. The video briefly explains that RSA was set up to provide employment to blind persons, and the regulations are designed with their full participation in mind.

“VHS Home EC #7 - Techniques for the blind student”

Product of IDB, 10 minutes long. This video is narrated by Creig Slayton, former Director of the Iowa Department for the Blind, and showcases home economic techniques for the blind student. An orientation student goes grocery shopping, and explains how to get to your location using public transportation, and then get help at your local grocery store. Other techniques that are featured are: cooking techniques, such as checking for doneness, and baking techniques; sewing, threading the needle and completing a project; and a restaurant management trainee is also featured, showing how to apply the learned techniques in an employment setting.

“Waukee Vending Grand Opening”

Product of IDB, 5 minutes long. This video features the grand opening of a roadside vending site in Waukee. Welcome and Thank-you speeches from Iowa Department for the Blind and Department of Transportation representatives are shown.

“Your Minds Eye - Iowa Department for the Blind, 1977”

Product of IDB, 25 minutes. 2 copies. This film highlights the story of Roy McLuen, a saxophonist and teacher who went blind during college. Dianne Hammond narrates. His mother, employer, and Creig Slayton are all interviewed and discuss their views of blindness and its affect on Roy. Roy's grandfather was also blind and a musician who instilled a love of music within Roy when he was young. Roy's use of Braille musical notation is discussed, and the Iowa Commission for the Blind is briefly mentioned.

“The Encounter”

Product of Nebraska agency for the blind, 10 minutes. This is an animated video that explains what you should do when you meet a blind person. The video explains that you shouldn't treat a blind person any different from another person, and assume they need help with whatever they are doing. If you're really worried, simply ask the person if they want help and proceed from there.

**"We Know Who We Are, #1" (1970s)**

Product of IDB, 30 minutes. This is a documentary that introduces the mission and philosophy of the Adult Orientation and Adjustment Center at the Iowa Commission for the Blind. It follows the experiences of three students, from traveling with the long white cane, learning to sew, the first day in shop class, facing the possibility of a new career, and overcoming doubts along the way. Includes several talks/informal interviews on attitudes towards blindness and how to overcome negative feelings or reactions to new experiences. Individuals that are featured include: Kenneth Jernigan, Ruth Schroeder, Dave Hauge, Jim Witte, and Jim Omvig.

### **Selected Search Terms**

Kenneth Jernigan  
 Jacobus tenBroek  
 Creig Slayton  
 Nancy Norman  
 Helen Keller  
 Ed Sheppard  
 Foreign Visitors  
 Annual Report  
 Commission  
 Volunteer  
 Camp Laurie  
 Employment  
 Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School  
 National Federation of the Blind  
 Braille  
 New York Point  
 American Braille

Education  
Orientation Center  
Cane Travel/ Mobility  
Guide Dogs  
Iowa State Fair  
Technology  
Advocacy  
Cafeterias/ Vending  
Business Enterprise Program  
Remodel  
Lions Club  
Sheltered Workshop  
Library  
Talking Book  
Vinton  
Industrial Art/ Shop  
Textile Art  
Deaf-Blind